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Outcry halts CAMH gender identity services

Health. Online petition says doctor's therapy does more harm than good for trans youth

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Toronto's Centre for Addiction and Mental Health has stopped accepting new patients to its Gender Identity Services clinic for youth because of an outcry from the public.

CAMH is reviewing the mental health services it offers to youth aged three to 18 who are struggling with gender identity or require services related to being transgender.

The centre started the review process a few months ago because of complaints, particularly from the trans community, that its services "weren't respectful" of patients' gender identity, medical director Dr. Kwame McKenzie told Metro.

Dr. Kenneth Zucker YOUTUBE

New patients won't be accepted until the review is finished.

Criticism of CAMH and the doctor in charge of the youth gender identity service — Dr. Kenneth Zucker — has been building online. At the heart of the issue is what's called "conversion therapy" or "reparative therapy" — designed to stop people from being gay or transgender.

An online petition alleges Zucker has been doing reparative therapy with trans youth at CAMH for years, causing more harm than good in a population that already has an increased risk of suicide.

McKenzie said CAMH's own guidelines say it should not offer this kind of therapy.

"That is not supposed to be the aim of the clinic," he said.

'Students are tired of feeling like pawns or being seen as bargaining chips.'

Strike tensions boiling over at University of Toronto, York. Page 4

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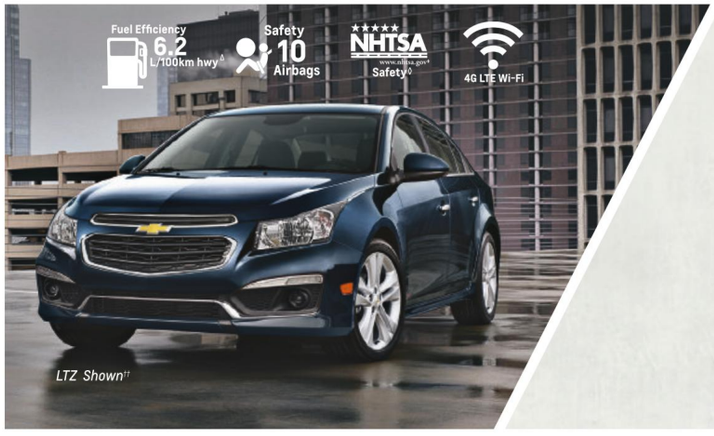

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Underwater rugby club aims to get its feet wet

Sports. Team hopes crowdfunding campaign gets Canada its first shot at world championship

It isn't easy to bark orders while wearing flippers and a Speedo, but Gord Lemon is trying as he leads the Toronto Underwater Rugby Club in pre-game warm-ups.

If they only have an hour in this pool, located in a high-school basement, he's going to make the most of it. "Marcel!" he says. "Fins out!" Lemon's exasperated tone suggests that Marcel has left his fins in before.

Underwater rugby, imported to Toronto in the last few years, has almost nothing in common with terrestrial rugby — except for violence. The sport involves six players to a side trying to cram a weighted ball into a basket on the floor of a swimming pool. Everyone wears flippers, tackling is allowed and there are no breathing aids. (Players wear snorkels, but those don't help underwater.)

Teams include two goalies, two defenders and two forwards, plus six substitutes. The necessity of resurfacing every 30 seconds or so means that contests are usually won by whichever side comes closer to synchronizing their breathing rotations, keeping enough players in the pool to control possession. "It can be very strategic," says Lemon.

It can also be brutal. Offensive players sometimes have to pry goalies off the mouth of the basket, and during these scrums, it seems like everyone is trying to drown everyone else.

In fact, a competitive game of underwater rugby can, for long stretches of time, look like a barrel of agitated eels. Participants don't so much swim as wriggle.

That doesn't deter the 25 or so members of the Toronto Underwater Rugby Club. Since last year, the group has gotten together twice a week to play at Rosedale Heights School of the Arts, grappling away in the chlorinated depths to their hearts' content.

The experience of playing a game of underwater rugby is like "flying," says Lemon, a Toronto high-school teacher. "I love the three-dimensionality of the sport. It's really the only three-dimensional sport that I know."

Members of the squad rightly point out that the game demands good aerobic fitness (for the breath-holding), strong core muscles (for the wriggling) and a dash of courage to overcome the fear of being held down at the bottom of a pool.

Quoted

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Gord Lemon, Toronto Underwater Rugby Club

Above, a player looks to pass as he is tackled during an underwater rugby practice at Rosedale Heights School of the Arts on Friday. The local team that trains at Rosedale Heights is trying to raise enough money to field a team at the World Championship this summer in Cali, Colombia. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Lemon is one of 16 players trying out for what will be the first Canadian underwater rugby team ever fielded at the sport's world championships, being held this summer in Cali, Colombia.

There are 15 members allowed on the final roster, so choosing the team shouldn't be hard, but money is an issue. The club has created a crowdfunding campaign with a goal of $29,700. They had raised just $357 by Tuesday.

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Two players reach for the ball, which is "inflated" with salt water.

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Education

Private school expected to stay on U of T campus

A prestigious high school for high-achieving teens, located on the University of Toronto campus, is expected to stay put despite having been told it needed to find a new home by 2021.

Lawyers are now working to fine-tune a deal that would see University of Toronto Schools remain at 371 Bloor St. W. — where it opened in 1910 — while the U of T redevelops the rest of the site.

In 2011, the private school had been given a 10-year eviction notice.

Scott Mabury, U of T's vice-president of university operations, said "there's no codified deal yet" but said the two sides have "agreed conceptually; now we need to get it in writing."

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Brampton

Ex-mayor got almost $500K in compensation

Former Brampton mayor Susan Fennell's 2014 remuneration after 11 months' work before voters forced her out of office — including salary, severance, pension and benefits — was nearly half-a-million dollars.

A new council compensation report, issued by each municipality by March 31 every year under provincial rules, shows Fennell's total remuneration from the city totalled $482,561.

The amount from the City of Brampton last year includes: $107,233 in salary; $55,411 in pension contributions; $297,232 in retiring allowance (including severance), $7,137 in benefits and $15,264 for her car allowance, as well as a small amount in miscellaneous expenses.

The total does not include about $49,000 in 2014 for Fennell's taxpayer-funded, on-call limousine service.

The large severance payout — nearly $300,000 — is due largely to a council vote in 2013, when Fennell and other members supported a maximum payout of 18 months' salary, up from the 12-month cap that had been in place.

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Hadia Akhtar encourages a fellow University of Toronto student to attend a campus-wide walk out, scheduled for Wednesday. She and other students handed out flyers Tuesday afternoon at the university's Sidney Smith Hall. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

U of T students planning walkout

Education. Fed-up undergraduates in solidarity with striking teaching assistants

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Strike tensions are boiling over at the University of Toronto, where undergraduate students are planning a Wednesday walkout.

"It's past the two-week mark," said Housam Silim, one of the students in charge of organizing the walkout. "Courses and syllabi are being changed; there's talk of exam dates being pushed back; grading is being affected."

Thousands of students have signed up for the walkout on Facebook. The goal, Silim said, is to show solidarity with teaching assistants on the picket line.

University of Toronto students gather at Sidney Smith Hall on Tuesday to hand out flyers and discuss plans for Wednesday's walkout. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Many students are calling for the university to come back to the bargaining table with CUPE 3902, the union representing about 6,000 teaching assistants. They're also demanding a tuition refund for classes they've missed due to the strike.

York University students received a tuition rebate after a three-month strike in 2008.

Riley McCullouth, an undergrad, is supposed to graduate in April. Now, she doesn't know if that's going to happen.

University administrators aren't bargaining fairly, she said, and that sends the message that students' education is not a priority.

"Undergraduate students are tired of feeling like pawns or being seen as bargaining chips," McCullouth said.

The university did not respond to requests for comment.

Mauricio Suchowlansky, a CUPE spokesman, said striking members approved a new proposal to present to the university last Friday. Negotiations lasted all weekend and into Monday morning, ending when the university came back to the union with a proposal similar to what was offered a month ago, he said.

"This means they're not willing to change the funding package, which hasn't changed since 2008," Suchowlansky said.

After walking out of classes, students plan to rally in front of Simcoe Hall. There, they'll decide what should happen next — either they return to class or continue the protest, Silim said.

"The walkout is one small, concrete way to affect and improve our education," Silim said. "Better working conditions and emotional care for TAs will translate to a better learning experience and better grading."

Quoted

"This is a reflection of the very real frustration students are facing."

Housam Silim, student at the University of Toronto

Video. Tensions boil over at York U picket line

As University of Toronto students prepared for a walkout, the situation at York University was worsening Tuesday.

A video showing violence erupting at a picket line on Sentinel Road is making the rounds on social media, shared with the label #CUPE3903.

In the video posted to YouTube, drivers and pedestrians try to break through the line, but strikers block their way with physical barriers. Some drivers get out of their cars screaming profanities in picketers' faces, while others honk aggressively.

One man threatened to come back to the picket line and shoot everyone, said Thania Vega, a picketing teaching assistant present during the incident shown in the video.

Another made threats directed at a specific female picketer, she said.

"After that, people were terrified and scared of being in front of the barrier," Vega said. "That one gendered attack made people distraught, especially female picketers who feel more vulnerable."

The university decided Monday to resume most classes over the next few days, and union members are worried about safety as people cross their lines.

Vega said she pickets because she believes in what she's fighting for, but a lot of people on strike are picketing because they need to make ends meet.

Many people on social media are expressing anger and disappointment with the university's decision to resume classes and the risk it presents to picketers. The hashtag #ShameOnShoukri was trending Tuesday, denouncing York president Mamdouh Shoukri and calling for him to resign.

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By the numbers

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The number of teaching and graduate assistants who remain on strike at York University.

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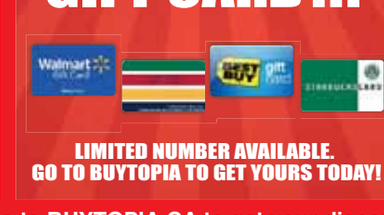

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Reclaiming the word 'craft'

Marketing. Group objects to its use in mass-production sense

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Emma Quin, executive director of Craft Ontario, is trying to reclaim the meaning of "craft." GILBERT NGABO/METRO

Craft is a sexy word.

At least that's what Craft Ontario thinks. The group, is launching a movement to "reclaim" the word.

"It's become this sexy marketing word of the day," said Emma Quin, executive director of Craft Ontario. "We feel the more it is used that way, the more it dilutes our message, and it becomes hard for us to be the strong advocates for our sector."

Although Quin acknowledges "craft" is so diverse that it's hard to come up with one proper definition, she finds it inappropriate to use the word in reference to mass-production markets.

"Starbucks has handcrafted coffee (and) there are handcrafted cars, as if it's handmade by one person and not from a mass factory," she said, adding craft should be about things made by hand, with "the touch of the artist."

Quin cited the term "craft beer" as an example of the word being used "not entirely correctly but at least more appropriately."

Beer crafters are usually using small-batch productions, using people and putting an emphasis on quality of ingredients being used, she explained.

"That has a little more ability to have the word 'craft' connected to it than a large manufacturing company producing massively," she said.

The movement, called Citizens of Craft, is a collaboration of all craft councils from all provinces, and was launched last weekend in Toronto.

It is built around a 10-point manifesto, aiming at broadening and unifying the community of makers, appreciators and curators of craft works, said Quin.

Craft Ontario's membership is about 1,300 strong.

Statements

Three statements from the Citizens of Craft's 10-point manifesto:

- You are not a lemming: You're not a follower; you trust your own tastes and live by them.
- You believe in 10-digit technology: You connect more strongly with things made by a pair of hands — the original 10-digit machine.
- Vases are people, too: Craft objects evoke their makers, letting you surround yourself with not just things, but personalities.

Falling chunks. Gardiner needs more work: Mayor

As concrete continues to fall from the Gardiner Expressway, Mayor John Tory says he wants more work done now.

But what it will cost to prevent more chunks from landing on Lake Shore Boulevard and elsewhere has yet to be determined, with the city already spending $433 million for a more permanent fix of the 18-kilometre expanse.

Tory has asked staff to look at ways to contain or reinforce problem spots on the elevated artery.

"I don't think you have to question how we pay for it when it's a reasonable amount of money and when it comes to questions of public safety," Tory said by phone as he headed to Austin on a business trip.

"When you have pieces falling — two in the last, what, couple of weeks? — you know, all we need is for one of those to fall in the wrong place at the wrong time, as it were, and hurt somebody or worse and people will be saying why didn't we do this or why didn't we do that."

Tory said he's not sure what can be done to be more proactive and is expecting staff to report back in the coming weeks.

Transportation services acting director Myles Currie said the city typically conducts three inspections per year, two visual inspections and one in-depth engineering analysis.

If the inspections identify loose concrete that could be a future hazard, crews are contracted to chip away at the Gardiner's underbelly, something that typically begins in the spring.

But because of recent thawing temperatures, Currie said that work has been bumped forward and will start immediately.

He said the city is already considering more temporary fixes, including wooden beams to brace some more significantly damaged sections. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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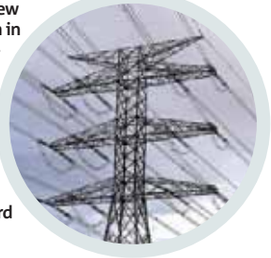

2. Sparks

On the way down, the line made contact with another wire, likely creating a spark and a big ripple. "Think about it like throwing a pebble or rock into a pond," said Hydro One spokeswoman Tiziana Baccega Rosa. "That's what happens when two high-voltage lines come into contact."

3. Lights out

The collision prompted lights to flicker across eastern Ontario. Approximately eight million people were affected.

4. Province-wide

Hydro One operates 29,000 kilometres of connected power lines in the province, hence the reports of flickering lights stretching from Sudbury to Ottawa.

5. Tweet-tweet

The flicker caused quite a buzz on social media. According to the analytics website Topsy, about 1,000 tweets mentioning the event were sent out Monday evening.

6. Investigation

Hydro One is still investigating the cause, but a buildup of road salt and "winter grime" may be to blame.

> "The system worked the way it should.... That's why it was just a temporary flicker."
>
> **Tiziana Baccega Rosa,**
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Poster takes dig at bicycle stereotypes

Neighbourhood rides. Designer breaks down 11 well-known Toronto locales by bicycle type

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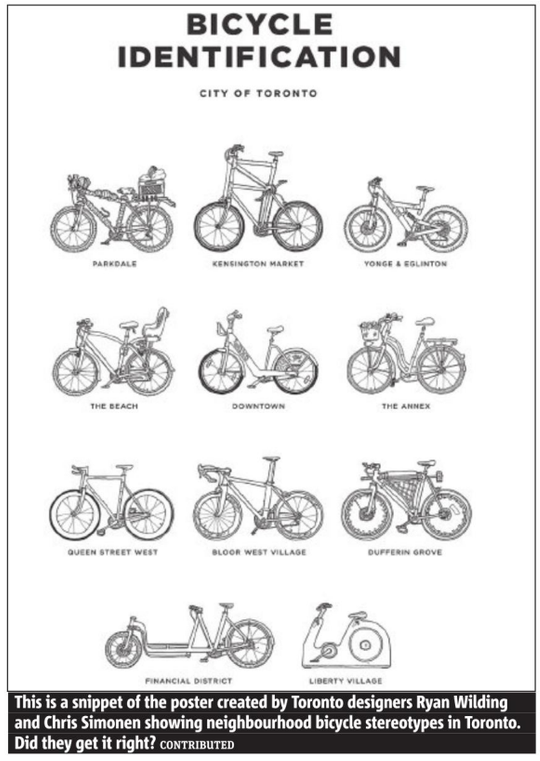

This is a snippet of the poster created by Toronto designers Ryan Wilding and Chris Simonen showing neighbourhood bicycle stereotypes in Toronto. Did they get it right? CONTRIBUTED

Does where you live in Toronto influence what kind of bike you ride? One graphic designer thinks so.

Ryan Wilding is the brains behind a poster showing 11 of the city's most well-known neighbourhoods — from Parkdale to Yonge and Eglinton — represented by different bicycles.

"It just comes from being on a bike a lot. You kind of get an idea of the typical bikes that you see in different parts of the city," the 32-year-old said.

Wilding came up with the concept and his friend Chris Simonen did the illustrations. The poster is currently on sale for $30 at slyeye.ca.

The poster pokes fun at the stereotypes we have about who lives where in Toronto, Wilding told Metro. For example, there's a bike with a baby basket for the Beach and a flashy fixed-gear for Queen West.

And the bicycle that best represents Liberty Village? A stationary exercise bike (of course).

"We're not trying to say anything bad about Liberty Village, but it's a dense area with lots of condos and young professionals," Wilding said. "They're going to the gym a lot and that's the kind of cycling they're doing."

Reaction to the poster has been positive, with commenters on Reddit and Twitter applauding its accuracy.

"I live at Yonge and Eglinton and that's my exact bicycle," wrote one Redditor. "These kinds of posters are important to people. When you look at it and think 'that's me!' it gives people a sense of pride in their neighbourhood."

Wilding lives in the Junction — which wasn't included on the poster — and rides what he calls a "single-speed track bike."

"I wouldn't say the Junction has a stereotypical bike. Maybe we're still working on our identity," he said.

Beer and wine

Wynne vows quick changes to booze sales

Ontario will move "as quickly as possible" to implement changes to alcohol sales in the province once the Liberal government decides on a course of action, Premier Kathleen Wynne said Tuesday.

Final recommendations are not yet in from a panel chaired by Ed Clark of TD Bank Group, looking at assets such as Hydro One, Ontario Power Generation and the Liquor Control Board, but Wynne said she is eager to make changes.

"I can't give you chapter and verse of when those will take place, but it's very important to me that once we have the direction identified that we move as quickly as possible," she said in Barrie after a speech to the chamber of commerce.

"It depends what we do. There's a conversation about licences and how we would work with grocery stores. There's a discussion about the ongoing role of the Beer Store."

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union suggested last week that beer and wine sales at grocery stores could lead to more violence against women, undermining Wynne's plan to stop sexual violence and harassment.

Wynne said beer, wine and liquor are already sold in Ontario, and the protections the regulatory regime affords will stay in place.

"We will make sure that the system that has been built up over years is still in place in terms of making sure that we keep alcohol out of the hands of young people, for example."

Wynne has said one option she is not considering is allowing corner stores to sell beer.

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Oshawa

Man charged after 'barely dressed' kids found in cold

An Oshawa man has been charged after three "barely dressed" children, all under three years old, were found wandering outside a home. One of the children had just a diaper — and the other was not dressed for "the winter weather" on Sunday, Durham Regional Police spokesman Dave Selby said Monday.

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Investigation

Wynne to meet police over Liberals law-breaking claim

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne says a date has been set for her to meet with police investigating allegations two Liberals broke the law in the lead-up to a recent byelection. The Liberals allegedly offered would-be Sudbury byelection candidate Andrew Olivier a job or appointment to step aside for their preferred candidate.

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Etobicoke

Man shot multiple times in critical condition

A man suffering from multiple gunshot wounds has been taken to hospital in life-threatening condition in the second shooting of the day at an apartment complex in Etobicoke. Toronto Police confirmed officers responded to 2063 Islington Ave., the same address police were called to about five hours earlier for an earlier shooting.

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A Canadian National locomotive is seen Feb. 23 in Montreal. CN has formally announced its plan to build a massive $250 million intermodal rail-truck distribution centre in Milton. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CN undeterred by Milton's skepticism

Transportation. Rail giant's plan will go ahead despite vocal concerns and fears of the town's officials

CN says it's not flinching and is moving ahead with its plan for a 400-acre distribution centre in Milton — even if town officials remain hostile to the idea.

"This is more than just about a terminal in Milton. This is exciting for the Halton Region, but also the GTHA (Greater Toronto Hamilton Area) but also for Canada," said Sean Finn, CN's executive vice-president of corporate services, shortly after the Star broke the news about the company's plans for a $250-million intermodal rail and truck in Milton.

"Because this is where the intermodal traffic is coming on CN to the GTHA. This traffic is growing substantially. You need to have infrastructure to face this growth."

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"It's quite telling, the arrogance they're (CN) putting forward, statistics and facts that aren't supported by any studies or reports."

Milton's top bureaucrat, CAO William Mann

The rail giant's vision to further connect the GTA with global markets by providing manufacturers and retailers with more efficient access to the booming local market must now survive a battle between business and the rapidly growing town of Milton, where CN owns 1,000 acres to be used for the new facility. The plan was officially announced Tuesday.

Top officials in Milton — the mayor and the chief administrative officer say the plan will be devastating for their town, bringing with it collapsing property values, environmental and safety concerns and a total disruption of Milton's vision for strategic jobs on the CN lands.

Finn said the intermodal facility itself will employ about 100 people. He also confirmed one of Krantz and Mann's main concerns — that CN can circumvent municipal planning amendments. As a former Crown corporation, CN is governed by the province of Ontario.

CN announced its plan in a news release Tuesday, noting that 1,000 jobs will be created, directly or indirectly. Gord Krantz, Milton's mayor and the town's top bureaucrat, CAO William Mann, are skeptical of the company's claims.

"In 2008 CN told us they supported our plan for Sustainable Halton and that the intermodal was dead at that time," Mann said Tuesday. "It's quite telling, the arrogance they're putting forward, statistics and facts that aren't supported by any studies or reports."

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5 proposals for the ferry terminal

Should the new Jack Layton Ferry Terminal have a fish habitat or a bar? How about a swimming pool or a series of giant "street creatures" that provide shade and air-conditioning to waiting ferry customers?

The ferry terminal at the foot of Bay Street is being rebuilt and Waterfront Toronto is offering the public a chance to weigh in on five potential designs by visiting its blog.

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Cloud Park

Cloud Park features "a full and brilliant canopy of trees illuminated by the sun and by discreet night lighting," according to the architects. Plus, there's a series of "misting plazas" and floating bubbly hot tubs. The plan includes a single-storey pavilion, a floating wetlands and fish habitat pools, an "adventure play forest" and a performance space.

Design by: Stoss Landscape Urbanism (Boston) + nARCHITECTS (New York City) + ZAS Architects (Toronto)

City Slope

This plan includes "City Slope," described as "a pedestrian extension of Bay Street." Or, as the people behind it say, a "social carpet that lifts like a flying pier to overlook the harbour." The plan includes a large playground and public swimming pool, which converts into a skating rink. There's a conservatory garden on top of the terminal building.

Design by: Clement Blanchet Architecture (Paris) + Batlle i Roig (Barcelona) + RVTR (Toronto and Ann Arbor) + Scott Torrance Landscape Architect Inc. (Toronto)

Civic Canopy

This design includes a timber "Civic Canopy" that offers shade in the summer and direct sunlight in the winter. "Trees emerge through its openings, enclosed and conditioned areas are formed through puckers in its surface," the designers say. The result reflects "a merger of water and land." The plan also includes a floating wetland, a lily-pad wetland and a climbing/rock slide.

Design by: Diller Scofidio+Renfro (New York City) + architectsAlliance (Toronto) + Hood Design (Emeryville, CA)

Harbour Landing

The Harbour Landing design puts the ferry terminal under a green roof that doubles as a park. "This 'gained park space' provides an irresistible public belvedere from which to survey the shoreline, the islands, and the lively ballet of boats," the architects write. A movable bridge connects the east-west Water's Edge Promenade, and can be floated to the side of the slip when visiting ships are in dock.

Design by: KPMB Architects (Toronto), West 8 (Rotterdam), Greenberg Consultants (Toronto)

Harbour Square Park

This design includes a long elevated walkway and a large terminal with a waiting room, and a bar where you can buy booze and juice. Outside, there is a series of heated and cooled "Street Creatures," where ferry riders can buy tickets or get a drink. Harbour Square Park will include a swimming pool, model boats, a kayaking pond and skating rink.

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The droning of a new era

Technology. Business applications for drones used to be strictly militaristic, but now the sky really is the limit

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Eight years ago, Dave Kroetsch couldn't find a buyer for his drones. The CEO and president of Waterloo, Ont.-based Aeryon Labs went door-to-door, pitching to police officers, power inspection companies, surveyors and more, but no one had any idea how drones could help their business.

"When we started this in 2007, no one even knew what a drone was," Kroetsch says. Drones had been used by the military, and some universities were doing experiments, but the average person hadn't heard of the new technology.

Fast forward to 2015, and drones are becoming an inevitable part of our lives. In recent years, as the technology has developed and prices have dropped, drones have become far more commonplace and are as varied as the applications they're used for — from toy drones for hobbyists to commercial drones used in farming.

Aeryon's heavy-duty drones are now deployed for industrial use. They have military applications, such as tactical awareness and surveillance, but are also used in public-safety initiatives, such as fire management, crowd control and search-and-rescue missions. That's in addition to their large-scale commercial applications, including pipeline monitoring and precision agriculture.

Prices drop, drones rise:

Stewart Baillie, chairman of Unmanned Systems Canada (USC), a non-profit promoting the drone industry, says interest in drones has increased in the past decade, partly due to increasing affordability. Twelve years ago, Baillie says, people were talking about drones for purely military purposes.

"The technology was very expensive and very difficult to use," he says, noting the regulations at the time were also difficult to navigate.

Battery, camera and GPS technology, as well as the smartphone revolution, "have come together at a great time," Kroetsch says. A simple Phantom toy drone from DaJiang Innovations (DJI) costs around $1,000. A Parrot drone, used primarily for recreational purposes, retails for about half of that.

Transport Canada is also helping commercial drones get in the air. To keep the skies safe, it's working to ensure drone operators steer clear of commercial airplanes. To this end, Transport Canada authorities have differentiated between model aircraft, which don't need to be regulated, and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) or commercial drones.

A model aircraft is characterized as being under 35 kilograms and used solely for hobby purposes. To fly commercially, operators must apply for a Special Flight Operation Certificate (SFOC), detailing their safety and security plans, and have their drone insured.

In 2010, Transport Canada established a UAV Working Group to create rules ensuring operators are trained and that the drones meet safety standards. The same year, the agency issued just 66 SFOCs to individuals or businesses seeking to operate drones commercially. As of Sept. 15 of last year, Transport Canada had issued 1,020 such certificates.

Pies in the sky no more:

When it comes to uses for commercial drones today, the sky really is the limit. Retail giants such as Amazon are seeking approval in the U.S. to initiate outdoor research into drone delivery systems. Amazon's program, Prime Air, has an ambitious goal: getting a package into customers' hands via drone in 30 minutes or less.

Amazon is confident about it, too. The company declares on its website: "One day, seeing Prime Air vehicles will be as normal as seeing mail trucks on the road."

From dance duty to crop watch

Canadian businesses from across the country are getting creative with this technology

Surveying the lay of the land

Accuas Inc, a Salmon Arm, B.C., land-surveying company, is an early adopter, putting drones to use since 2007 to conduct aerial surveys and map terrain. The company uses drones in a number of industries in which land surveying is necessary but difficult, including agriculture, oil-and-gas and waste management.

All part of the performance

In a recent Cirque du soleil performance entitled Sparked, a repairman's lamps come to life and enter a majestic dance with him. The lamps are, in fact, computer-programmed drones. "We thought it was very interesting to divert this object and bring poetry, magic, whimsy to it," said Welby Altidor, who was Cirque du soleil's project lead in creating Sparked. But the real magic came from the drones' computer programming, which synchronized all the movements, allowing for a fluid and harmonious flight.

And the award for best cinematography goes to ...

Kaspi Films, a small company based in the Greater Toronto Area, offers professional cinematography and photography services using drones. Among its projects, Kaspi has used drones for aerial photography of the Niagara Falls region and aerial video for a KFC commercial.

Spying on future fries

McCain Foods has a drone equipped with cameras that capture a bird's-eye view of their potato crops in New Brunswick. In a joint project with Resson Aerospace, McCain operates the drone above its fields, and Resson takes the data and analyzes it to improve efficiency and asses crop health. The 2014 season was their second using a drone.

Protest

Activist criticizes anti-terror bill

Legislation such as Ottawa's proposed anti-terror bill would probably have put a quick end to Quebec's student uprising in 2012, says one of the movement's former leaders.

Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois is adding his voice to those concerned with the extent of the powers that would be granted to intelligence agencies and police under the Conservatives' wide-ranging bill.

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Niqab remarks

Tory MP forced to make apology

Ontario Tory MP Larry Miller has been forced by the prime minister's office to apologize after suggesting during a call-in radio show that those who wish to wear a niqab while swearing the oath of citizenship ought to "stay the hell where you came from."

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Getting their green on for St. Paddy's

Keith Eldridge, right, and Tristan Smith laugh as they share a pint on Tuesday, St. Patrick's Day, at the Old Triangle bar in Halifax. Bars across Canada were packed for the annual Irish celebration. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

NDP leader blasts PM's gun remark

Politics. Harper calls weapon 'a tool' used by people who live far from police stations

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair has called Prime Minister Stephen Harper irresponsible for encouraging people to arm themselves if they live too far from a police station.

Mulcair was referring to comments Harper recently made in Saskatoon where he was questioned at a meeting of rural municipal leaders about the government's priorities in dealing with firearms.

"It's a tool that many people use in their lives, obviously in their livelihoods," the prime minister told the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities.

"My wife's from a rural area. Gun ownership wasn't just for the farm, it was also for a certain level of security when you're a ways away from police, immediate police assistance.

"But also it's something people use for recreation and the vast, vast majority do so safely."

In Montreal on Tuesday, Mulcair accused Harper of "using the firearms dossier to divide Canadians."

"This time it's an attempt to divide the rural world from the world that lives in cities," he said.

The NDP leader added he was "quite astonished" to hear the prime minister tell people to use their own weapons to protect themselves. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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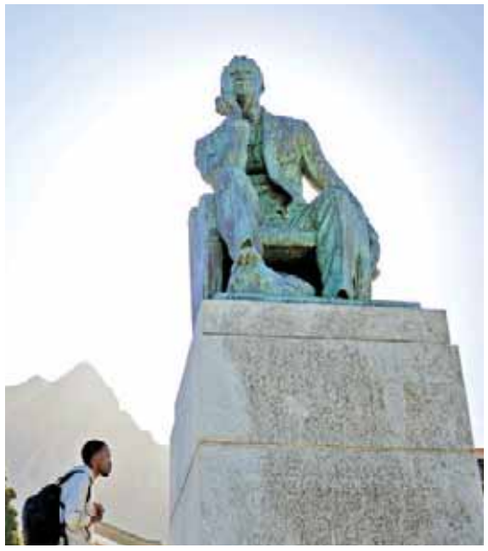

Students want statue removed

Students walk past a statue of British colonialist Cecil John Rhodes at the University of Cape Town near the city centre of Cape Town, South Africa on Tuesday. Last week, student protesters from the school tossed excrement at it, arguing the monument is a tribute to the white domination of the past. Students have organized a social media campaign called Rhodes Must Fall. SCHALK VAN ZUYDAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Netanyahu edges Herzog in close vote

Israel. Narrow margin casts doubt on who will form the next coalition government

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appeared to fend off a strong challenge from the country's opposition leader in parliamentary elections Tuesday, emerging from an acrimonious campaign in a slightly better position to form Israel's next government.

But with the sides nearly evenly divided, a victory by Netanyahu's Likud Party still was not guaranteed. His chief rival, Isaac Herzog of the Zionist Union, said he would make "every effort" to form a government, and an upstart centrist party led by a former Netanyahu ally-turned-rival was set to be the kingmaker. The country now heads into what could be weeks of negotiations over the makeup of the next coalition.

Both Netanyahu and Herzog will now compete for a chance to form a coalition that commands a majority in the 120-seat parliament. Netanyahu appeared to have a better chance of cobbling together a government with right-wing and religious parties that he calls his "natural allies." Herzog would have to appeal to more ideologically diverse parties.

Either will likely need the support of Moshe Kahlon, whose new Kulanu party captured nine or 10 seats, according to polls. Kahlon's campaign focused almost entirely on bread-and-butter economic issues. He refused to take sides.

Exit polls on Israel's three main TV stations showed Likud and the Zionist Union in a near deadlock. Channels One and 10 gave Likud a 27-26 lead in the parliament, while Channel 2 gave Likud a 28-27 edge. The breakdown may change as final results pour in Wednesday.

Netanyahu or Herzog will have to court potential partners to secure a 61-seat majority. Both parties have ruled out forming a unity government with each other.

President Reuven Rivlin will spend the next few days consulting other parties on who should form the government. He will then ask either Netanyahu or Herzog to negotiate a coalition government.

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Egypt

Prosecutor sends two cases to trial

Egypt's chief prosecutor on Tuesday referred a police officer to trial for the killing of a female protester during a peaceful demonstration.

The death of 32-year-old Shaimaa el-Sabbagh, a mother of a young boy, in January on the eve of the 2011 uprising's anniversary caused an intense public outcry. Footage showed two black-clad police officers pointing their rifles in her direction as gunshots rang out following a command to fire.

Two weeks later, at least 22 soccer fans were crushed to death outside a stadium in Cairo after police fired tear gas to break up the crowd. Chief prosecutor Hisham Barakat referred 16 of the fans to trial, alleging they belong to the Muslim Brotherhood. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capital punishment

Pakistan executes 12 criminals

Pakistani officials on Tuesday executed 12 people in the country's single-largest day of executions since a moratorium on the death penalty was lifted in December, officials said. The executions are sure to raise concerns over due process and from human rights groups.
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Penn State

Police investigate fraternity over nude images

A fraternity at Penn State University has been suspended as police investigate allegations that members used a secret Facebook page to post photos of nude women, some of whom appear sleeping or passed out.
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Let's get to work

Airbnb. Warren Buffett fans have shot at suite deal

Some fortunate Berkshire Hathaway investors at this year's annual meeting will get the chance to sleep in the same bedroom Warren Buffett did as a boy.

The home-sharing service Airbnb is offering a free three-night stay at the Omaha home around the May 2 meeting as a way to promote its services. Shareholders who want to stay at the three-bedroom house must submit short essays and prove they own Berkshire stock.

The crowd that fills Omaha's downtown arena and several overflow rooms to listen to Buffett always books every room in the region. Buffett's childhood home is about 15 minutes away from the arena.

Buffett's family started living in the home at 2501 N. 53rd Street in central Omaha in 1936. Buffett lived there with his parents and two sisters for several years before his father was first elected to Congress in 1942.

Buffett launched one of his first business ventures selling bottles of Coke to neighbours for a nickel after buying a six-pack for 25 cents, and he bought his first stock in 1942 while living there. Buffett's mother continued to live in the home until about 1966.

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Rivals sue Keurig, claiming unfair bid to shut them out

Competition.
Upgraded coffeemaker from industry leader designed to reject pods made by rivals

The environmental battle over coffee giant Keurig Green Mountain's $5-billion-a-year plastic pods is heating up after the single-serve coffee leader introduced a new coffeemaker that rejects pods made by rivals. More than a dozen manufacturers and other businesses are suing over what they claim is Keurig's unfair efforts to shut out rival pods.

Consumers complained about having to use only Keurig-affiliated brands, and environmentalists fumed about the steady stream of plastic pods to U.S. landfills.

Keurig has pledged to come up with a fully recyclable pod of its own by 2020.

One reason Keurig is locked into plastic right now is that nothing else seems to keep the coffee inside the pods fresh like it does, said Monique Oxender, the company's chief sustainability officer. Keurig is seeking more environmentally friendly materials, she said.

Jon Rogers of California-based Rogers Family Coffee, whose soy and corn byproduct-based pods are among those the new Keurig machine is engineered to reject, isn't waiting for the lawsuits to work their way through the courts. His family-run business recently produced a small black gizmo it calls the Freedom Clip, which they say lets consumers rig a Keurig 2.0 coffee machine so it accepts rival brands. Rogers mails them for free.

Rogers is also about to start distribution of biodegradable coffee pods marked with special ink that he says will fool the lock-out mechanism on the Keurig 2.0.

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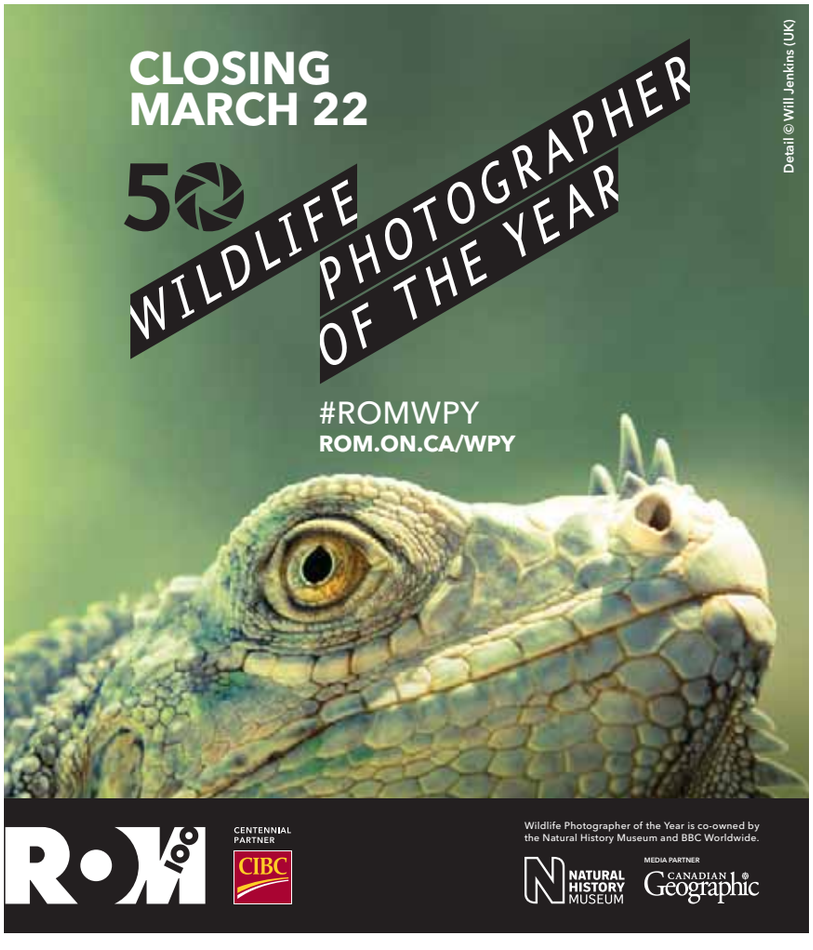
Single-serve coffee pods move along a conveyor belt in Lincoln, Calif., for packaging at the Rogers Family Company, one of more than a dozen businesses suing Keurig over what they claim are unfair efforts to shut out competing single-serve coffee rivals. RICH PEDRONCELLI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Video games

Nintendo forms alliance with DeNA

After years of scoffing at the threat from smartphones, Nintendo Co. is entering into an alliance with Japanese mobile game company DeNA Co. to develop games for mobile devices. This means Nintendo's trademark game franchises such as Super Mario and Pokémon could finally feature on smartphones and tablets. Such characters have been fiercely protected by Nintendo, appearing only on Nintendo platforms.

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Clothing

Canada Goose's claims challenged

Animal Justice has filed a complaint with the Competition Bureau alleging Canada Goose makes "false and misleading" claims in marketing its popular winter jackets.

The group says there is no evidence that coyote fur around the jacket's hood is warmer than fake fur, nor that coyotes are killed humanely.

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VOICES

WHY DO WE DYE?

While we probably evolved to be attracted to colourful foods, some of the artificial tints in the products we buy might be harming our health

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Much of the food and drink we ingest is dyed with artificial colouring. And while some dyes are innocuous, others, such as Red 3 used in glacé cherries, have been shown to cause cancer in animals. ALL PHOTOS: ISTOCK

We love our colourful food. And for good reason.

Our primate ancestors are thought to have evolved to see reds because it helped them identify the nutritious red-tinged fruits and foliage in their environment.

Today, however, colour dyes play on our evolved desires — often to our detriment. A pack of red licorice has all of the brilliance and none of the nutrition, aside from the sugar, of a pomegranate or a raspberry.

St. Patrick's Day saw drinks, food and even bodies of water dyed green. How much green beer did you drink last night?

Why are we still dyeing our products when there seems to be an increasing dislike of dye and fake colouring, particularly among Millennials? Dyes in foods and other products are often unhealthy and usually unnecessary, and we need to put pressure on companies to approach dyeing with a more critical eye and consider halting the practice altogether.

People have loved colouring their food and possessions throughout history, says Darren Dahl, professor of marketing at UBC's Sauder School of Business, who specializes in consumer behaviour.

"Colour can impact emotions, so it's a critical issue for companies to think about when they design their products," Dahl says. Many companies even hire colour consultants to keep them on trend.

Every time I buy dairy products, I have to spend a long time sorting through artificially orange cheese and yellow butter to find undyed versions, and they're often more expensive. I doubt most shoppers are aware how many of their foods contain dye.

For some products, the tides are turning. In response to a petition in 2013, Kraft started offering a naturally coloured version of its iconic bright-orange macaroni and cheese. Hawkins Cheezies should take note.

Children's products have also grabbed the spotlight, generating demand for dye-free baby products, such as baby Tylenol. Other dyed products, such as butter, go largely unnoticed.

Ignorance seems to be bliss. People much preferred dyed to undyed cheese snacks, according to one Cornell University study.

"People ranked the taste as bland and said that they weren't much fun to eat," said Brian Wansink, a professor at Cornell University and director of the school's Food and Brand Lab. It's hard to say whether this reaction came about because the study participants were already intimately familiar with dyed cheese puffs. To them, bright orange might have seemed more "natural" because that's what they were familiar with.

While Millennials and other demographics are increasingly buying products with more natural and organic-looking colours, they're still not the majority, says Dahl.

"There are a lot of people that just don't care," he says.

Evidence has been mounting that many common dyes in foods and other products are unhealthy — some outright poisonous.

Many studies have shown that Red 3, used in glacé cherries, causes cancer in animals. One 1997 study showed that it damaged the DNA in human breast cells. Numerous studies on microbes and rodents have shown that their DNA is damaged when exposed to Yellow 5, a ubiquitous dye used in original Kraft Dinner. Both pigments are permitted in Canada, the U.S. and Europe.

In January, a Consumer Reports study suggested the high levels of caramel colouring in some soft drinks was carcinogenic.

Dyes have been shown to cause behavioural changes, too. Seven years ago, the Center for Science in the Public Interest unsuccessfully petitioned the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to ban artificial food dyes because of their connection to behavioural problems in children, including ADHD.

Not all dyes are created equal, however. They're a rainbow of different compounds, some of which are totally innocuous. Not every dye causes cancer. Still, it's worth stopping to question why we eat dyes, use them in our clothes, cars and packaging and dump them into our environment. Do you need dye in your life?

If Canadians vote with their wallets, product makers will listen.

Companies will stop producing dyed products if society demands it, says Dahl: "If people aren't going to buy the products with the dyes, they will stop making them."

Stephanie Orford is a writer based in Vancouver.

Zero Vision or no, drivers need to be alert and share the road

Metro ran a column in this space yesterday that was incorrectly attributed to Glyn Bowerman. We regret the error. Here's the column that should have run:

YOUR RIDE
Glyn Bowerman

I was nearly stuck by a large truck, on my way to get butter. I was less than a minute's walk away from my front door. I had the right of way. I avoided an accident by literally leaping to safety.

I wasn't shocked. My heart rate barely elevated beyond what it took to make the jump. This is Toronto, after all. It's happened to me before. I'm guessing it's happened to you.

Fortunately, there's hope, in the form of a strategy pioneered in Sweden in 1997, which precipitated a major decline in vehicle-related deaths. It has since been adopted by major U.S. cities like New York, Los Angeles and Seattle.

The policy is called Vision Zero, and its ultimate goal is eliminating traffic fatalities altogether. It's ambitious, but it is also, according to the World Health Organization, effective.

The Vision Zero plan largely focuses on gathering data on potential structural causes for accidents. It recommends "interventions" for these problems, such as reduced speed limits, and redesigned streets and intersections.

Vision Zero acknowledges that infrastructure isn't always designed with safety as a top priority, and aims to create transit systems with built-in safeguards, while keeping us all moving.

The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee is about to pitch a brand new Road Safety Plan at the next full council meeting.

If approved, this recommendation would challenge city staff to produce a comprehensive plan to improve road safety in this city, and consider including Vision Zero policies.

Staff will also look at creating a road safety advisory group that would engage with both in-house experts like Toronto Public Health, as well as vocal advocacy groups like Cycle Toronto and Walk Toronto.

Still, this vision is a long way in the distance. If council okays the recommendation, we'll have a report before us by the end of this year. Then we can begin to implement these policies.

Drivers may be spoiled in the winter months. The cold may force pedestrians off the streets. Only 10 per cent of Toronto cyclists brave the elements and unkempt infrastructure.

That's coming to an end real soon. In summer months, according to a 2012 Toronto Public Health report, some 48,000 people bike regularly on summer weekdays.

Driver be warned: Toronto's pedestrians and cyclists are coming out, in full force, to share in the sun.

Not all drivers are homicidal sociopaths — though studies have shown drivers tend to be distracted, impatient, overconfident and socially unaware. It's not you, it's your relationship to the rest of the world while operating a large, potentially murderous machine. Few of us are at our best behind the wheel.

Until Vision Zero takes route in Toronto, to the dude with the giant truck who nearly squashed me: Be patient, be alert, and share the road.

Glyn Bowerman is a Toronto-based journalist and theatre artist.

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GOSSIP

Gabbana strikes back

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In a followup interview with Italy's Corriere della Sera, Stefano Gabbana is just plain shocked that Elton John is boycotting Dolce and Gabbana after their outrageous comments about gay parents having "synthetic" children. "I mean, you preach understanding, tolerance and then you attack others?" the designer says. "It's an authoritarian way of seeing the world. Agree with me or, if you don't, I'll attack you. I even posted the word 'Fascist!' on his Instagram."

Banks makes shocking revelations in Playboy interview

In Azealia Banks' Playboy interview, the rapper reveals that when she was 17, she dated a 43-year-old who physically abused her. "He choked me and beat me up, and of course you should not be f–ing with a man who puts his hands on you, but I was stupid and young." She also says she hates everything about America and wants to leave the U.S. "I hate fat white Americans," she says. "All the people who are crunched into the middle of America, the real fat and meat of America, are these racist conservative white people who live on their farms."

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Big Brother is here

Third season. A jock, a plus-sized model, a self-appointed villain and a comedy writer vie for reality TV glory

Plenty of Big Brother houseguests have made a name for themselves by putting a proverbial foot in their mouth.

Big Brother Canada contestant Brittnee Blair, however, gamely inserts her entire fist in her mouth.

The curvaceous Calgary native displays her odd hidden talent while meeting with media in advance of the homegrown reality show's third season.

"Sure, why not?" Blair says when asked whether she'd perform the trick on the spot.

It's all about standing out, after all.

The 25-year-old plus-size model is among six reality show junkies Global has announced for the series this year.

Others include Sarah Hanlon, 27, an aspiring comedy writer from Toronto; Zach Oleynik, 22, a varsity quarterback who's proud to be Regina's first houseguest; Calgary native Ashleigh Wood, 21; Bobby Hlad, 26, a rock climbing instructor from Oakville; and history student Jordan Parhar, 21, of Cloverdale, B.C., who has appointed himself Season 3's villain.

"Bring it on," says the slim, bespectacled, self-described nerd. "That's the beauty of Big Brother — everyone thinks they're the hero, but I am going into this game knowing I'm probably going to be the villain because I'm willing to do whatever it takes to win this game. I'm willing to lie, cheat and backstab out of my butt until I get to the end."

As resident jock, Oleynik expects to be an early target and says he plans to hide his physicality until later in the game, a 24/7 challenge in which houseguests compete in a series of mental, physical and social competitions.

He admitted it'll be hard to stop from getting "right into the action," noting he's competitive by nature. "I was the guy that wanted to be on the student council and just represent people," Oleynik says. "I think that naturally I was always a leader on my sports teams and within school."

As for whether he has any tricks up his sleeve, there's a strong likelihood he'll be removing his sleeves — along with his entire shirt. "I'm someone who will probably roll around with my shirt off a bit," he admits. "But that's just who I am."

Others say they plan a more subtle game. Hanlon notes she's "always been a weirdo" but can also come across as goofy and loud. Her strategy is to play down her age and get people laughing.

"I come off really sweet and innocent and kind of like I maybe don't care about a lot of things too much, but I (do) deep down and so I'll do anything to win," says Hanlon, who said she'll tackle each day in the house like an improv class.

More houseguests will be revealed Wednesday on ET Canada. This year, contenders will be housed in a newly renovated Big Brother Canada set outfitted with cameras and microphones to capture their every move.

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From left: Sarah Hanlon, Jordan Parhar, Bobby Hlad, Zach Oleynik, Brittnee Blair, and Ashleigh Wood

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SXSW. Eden Brolin's road to fame began with her Luke Skywalker haircut

Eden Brolin is storming SXSW with I Dream Too Much, a charming indie from first-time director Katie Cokinos about a recent college grad (Brolin) in upstate New York caring for an aunt instead of hitting Brazil with her friends.

We've given her our Breakthrough questionnaire. "I'm terrible at answering questions. I don't even know what I'm saying half the time," she warns. "So I wish you the best of luck."

Performance that inspired her to become an actress: I wanted to be an actress when I was really young. I grew up watching some incredible films, but I also chose to watch the films that were happening at the time, and I was super into Star Wars. I loved Star Wars as a kid. I even cut my hair like Luke Skywalker when I was six years old. So when I was a young kid, Star Wars: Episode I was coming out, and I saw Natalie Portman as Queen Amidala, and I flipped. I was like, "That's what I have to do with my life." That's the first thing that comes to mind, honestly.

Perk of fame she's most looking forward to taking advantage of: Ewww. I don't know if I'm ever going to be famous, Ned. That's a little bit far-fetched for me. OK, I guess … I don't know, I'm hoping for less fame and more work. I think a big part of being successful is being able to choose great people to work with and have opportunities come about that are much more interesting than having to just go with something to get your rent paid, you know?

Biggest audition blunder: I really don't know. I try and forget about all of them after I go on them, because it's just awful, auditioning. Probably the first three or four years I was auditioning, I would go in and I would talk about the weather. I'd be like, "Man, you guys are missing a beautiful day outside!" It's just like, "No, Eden. Bad Eden. That's why you didn't get a job for four years."

The last thing she Googled: Your name. I Googled you so that I could look at a couple of your articles, because I love Metro New York. A lot. I used to do the crosswords every day when I was in school. But I wanted to just, I don't know, learn a little bit about you before our interview (laughs).

NED EHRBAR/METRO IN HOLLYWOOD

Eden Brolin in I Dream Too Much. CONTRIBUTED

Movies

Paramount banks on thriller based on true crime book

Paramount Pictures has secured the worldwide distribution rights to true crime thriller Captive, starring David Oyelowo of Selma and Kate Mara.

According to Deadline, the studio has already set a Sept. 18 release date for the film, which is directed by Jerry Jameson.

Captive retells true events which occurred in Atlanta on March 11, 2005, with the film based on the book Unlikely Angel: The Untold Story Of The Atlanta Hostage Hero by Ashley Smith with Stacy Mattingly.

The plot tells the story of meth-addicted single mom Ashley Smith who struggles to overcome her drug addiction to regain custody of her daughter, but is taken hostage in her apartment by an escaped convict. AFP

No Place to Hide is a documentary film that traces Rehtaeh Parsons' case from the alleged sexual assault to her suicide and the media storm that followed. CONTRIBUTED

Women have strong presence at Hot Docs

Documentary. Lineup features films by prominent directors like Rama Rau

Quoted

"Talent rises to the surface and there's nobody there to determine, based on gender or other issues, who gets past the goalposts."

Chris McDonald, Hot Docs president

Documentaries about bullied teen Rehtaeh Parsons and former Newfoundland and Labrador premier Danny Williams are among the high-profile titles heading to a Hot Docs festival bolstered by a record number of female directors.

Hot Docs president Chris McDonald says 40 per cent of the directors this year are women. That includes Rama Rau's No Place to Hide, about Parsons' heartbreaking case, and Kristina Goolsby and Ashley York's opening night film Tig, about comic Tig Notaro's defiant spirit and humour in the face of a cancer diagnosis.

Female filmmakers have always been prominent at the festival, but McDonald says this year they seem particularly strong.

"Technology has allowed documentary to be much cheaper, faster and easier-to-make film and I think maybe because there are fewer gatekeepers green-lighting films — gatekeepers who may be male in some cases, probably in most cases — it's a much more democratic process," McDonald mused.

Organizers announced a slate of 210 films from 45 countries Tuesday, many of them centred on comedy or music. That includes Stay Awhile, a portrait of the Canadian '70s pop group the Bells, who organizers said will reunite for a special performance 30 years after topping the charts.

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Mom and Me a personal take on homelessness

Harriet & Lena CONTRIBUTED

Other Canadian projects include Lena Macdonald's Mom and Me, an account of her longtime struggle to rescue her crack-addicted homeless mother from the streets of Toronto.

The 32-year-old says she started looking for her mom when she was about 14, tracking her through homeless shelters, back alleys and crack houses. She was 17 when she decided to put it all on film.

"Both of my parents had been filmmakers and my mom made films about things like prostitution and cocaine, so for me it was a way to make her proud and a way to connect with her," said Macdonald.

"It was also a way for me to distance myself and have some objectivity and sort of think, 'I'm not in this, I'm watching it.'"

It was a dangerous endeavour, but Macdonald credits the homeless community with protecting and guiding her. Still, there were some very close calls, including a near abduction.

"I was really fortunate. There are so many mother-daughter pairs down there on the streets, mother-daughter prostitute pairs. I was so lucky that I had everybody looking out for me and I had pride and confidence and I did OK."

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Lena Dunham to get 'sassy' on Scandal

Television. Guillermo Diaz spills on the actress's upcoming appearance

LISA WEIDENFELD
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Catch Guillermo Diaz, Scott Foley, Joshua Malina and Lena Dunham on Scandal this Thursday. NICOLE WILDER/ABC

In the world of Scandal, everyone is hiding something, but Guillermo Diaz's Huck seems to be particularly tortured about his past.

Last week's episode saw him finally begin to come forward about his activities in the secret government agency B613, and go on the record about what happened to him.

We caught up with Diaz about what all this means, how weird it is to know Huck's real name and what he could tell us about this week's very special guest star.

What can you say about Lena Dunham being on the show this week?
I worked with her a little bit on the episode and I can say that she plays a character that we haven't really seen her do before. She's a very confident woman on the show, very different from her character on Girls. She's quite sassy and straightforward in the episode.

Have you guys all seen the SNL spoof Dunham did where she was on Scandal?
We were so thrilled. I'm a huge fan of Saturday Night Live, and you know what they say — once Saturday Night Live starts imitating you or whatever show you're on, that you've made it.

Were you guys swapping gossip , like: "I'll trade you info on Scandal if you'll tell me what's coming up on Girls"?
Not too much because she's a fan of the show, so we didn't want to spoil it for each other. So we talked about how different our sets are. Lena was saying they'll write an episode and then her actors will usually not say a majority of the lines that she writes. They'll improv a lot, and just go off and say whatever they want. And, you know, it's completely different on our show. We have to be letter-perfect with our lines. It's fun to tell stories of how different our sets are.

Now that she's been on your show, will we see you pop up on Girls next season?
I would love that! I want to be Hannah's rebound guy now that she broke up with Adam. I want to be like the guy that she just screws just to kind of get over him, you know?

Does it feel like your character arc has been building to us learning Huck's real name?
When you see Huck on the street, he always looks like he's in emotional pain, and I think in keeping that secret, and not thinking that B613 screwed him up so badly that, a lot of the time he didn't know if him having a wife and a child, was all in his head, if it was real, so he's been battling this for so long.

Technology

The Jenner sisters go digital

Glu Mobile is keeping up with the Kardashians.

The mobile video game developer responsible for the popular game Kim Kardashian: Hollywood announced plans Tuesday to develop a game starring Kardashian half-sisters Kendall and Kylie Jenner.

Glu says the game will feature the likenesses, voices and creative influences of the 19- and 17-year-old Keeping Up with the Kardashians co-stars and models. They previously appeared in the Kim Kardashian: Hollywood game. The game is expected to launch later this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kylie and Kendall Jenner with sister Khloe (middle). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Music

Drake announces summer fest

Rapper Drake has announced the lineup for the sixth annual OVO fest, with J. Cole, Big Sean, YG and Jeremih some of the artists confirmed to take the stage in Toronto.

The festival will also see Bas, Cozz and Omen perform at the Molson Canadian Amphitheater on Aug. 2, with Drake set to perform and surprise audiences on August 3 with "special guests".

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LIFE 3

Orlando gets sophisticated

Florida. A city long associated with theme parks is experiencing a cultural boom thanks to the talented chefs and performers who call it home

Wine Enthusiast magazine recently named Orlando one the top wine travel spots in the U.S. ISTOCK

The Dr. Phillips Center has given performers a world-class venue.
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Long derided as a cultural wasteland, Orlando's restaurant and performing arts scene has grown up in recent years, and it is starting to attract attention from American arbiters of taste.

Wine Enthusiast magazine recently named Orlando as one of the United States' top wine travel destinations, and The New York Times singled out the city's food scene when it placed the city at No. 13 on its list of 52 Places to Go in 2015.

The rankings barely mentioned what the city is best known for: theme parks.

"Orlando was very synonymous, and still is, with the Mouse, and Disney, and people didn't really look outside of Disney," said James Petrakis, owner of The Ravenous Pig in the tony Orlando suburb, Winter Park. "Now with some of these newer restaurants, people are looking at some of the smaller suburbs outside Disney for a true local culture."

Adding to the buzz about the cultural scene: a new $500-million performing arts centre downtown, and an international hunt for a new symphony conductor that's attracted some well-known names.

"We've gotten some national validation for things that we already thought were cool, but we thought they were cool just because it was something different for us. But now we know it's cool here and it would be cool if it were in New York or San Francisco," said Kamrin Rife, who, with her husband John and others, opened the East End Market. It houses a collection of artisanal bakers, coffee brewers, sushi chefs and a Basque restaurant.

Orlando always had a strong theatre scene, thanks to the many actors who work at theme parks, and also several acclaimed annual festivals, such as the Bach Festival of Winter Park and a fringe theatre festival. But the construction of the Dr. Phillips Center, financed partially with taxes on tourists, gives the city a world-class venue for local performing arts groups and national touring acts.

The hunt for a new musical director has led to sold-out shows as each of five finalists performs. Audiences get to vote for their favourite in what locals are joking is the classical music equivalent of American Idol. The finalists include Eric Jacobsen, a member of Brooklyn Rider, one of the best known and most cutting-edge string quartets around, and Mexican-American conductor Alondra de la Parra.

"All the candidates see the cultural community as on the cusp of something great," said David Schillhammer, executive director of the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra.

Orlando used to be known as the chain-restaurant capital, a place where corporate restaurant companies would try out new concepts on the regular flow of tourists, and where every chain seemed to have planted a flag along the tourist corridor.

There always have been top chefs drawn to the kitchens at Walt Disney World, Universal Orlando and nearby resorts, but it has only been in the last decade that food entrepreneurs catering to locals have flourished, thanks to the low cost of setting up in Orlando, a vibrant food truck scene and the growth of local farms providing fresh meats and produce.

In the process, those gastronomical efforts have produced seven James Beard Best Chef of the South semi-finalists from central Florida in the past three years.

A decade ago, "the perception of Orlando was that there were a lot of chains and there weren't a lot of people taking risks, and there weren't a lot of restaurants trying to push the envelope or be different," Petrakis said.

"Now there is competition. There are a lot of young cooks who are getting good training. Now, they're pushing the envelope. There's getting to be so much competition now, that everyone is really trying to up their game. That's only going to generate better restaurants, service." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More accolades

- **Wise Bread.** A website dedicated to penny-pinchers, calls Orlando the top city for frugal foodies in the U.S.
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The Mauritshuis in the Netherlands is home to famous paintings like Johan Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring. ISTOCK

Skip the sightseeing hordes with these museum tips

ON THE MOVE
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The world's most popular museums are a huge draw but they can also kill a sightseeing buzz if you are forced to wait in line for hours.

To avoid the crowds, go first thing in the morning before the bus tours and cruise excursions show up. Or go late, after dinner.

Museums like the Uffizi, Vatican and Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam all offer timed advance tickets for sale, allowing visitors to avoid lines. Often by signing up with a group tour, your pre-purchased tickets will be included and may also get you a fast-track entrance or perhaps a private back-door pass. If you aren't inclined to join group tours, check into whether individual combination passes might be available.

Paris' Museum Pass covers many top sights — including the Louvre and Versailles — and affords you line-skipping privileges.

By visiting smaller, somewhat lesser known museums, you can also avoid the masses. One of my favourites is the National Portrait Gallery in England. Located on the back side of London's massive National Gallery, it offers a quick snapshot of the history of Britain through portraits of its famous citizens, from Elizabeth I to David Beckham, by famous citizens. The collection includes work across all media, from painting and sculpture to photography and video.

Another favourite is New York City's Frick Collection. The building belonged to a wealthy industrialist who lived with his family off Central Park so there is the story of the art, but also of the collection, owner and building.

Housed in a recently renovated 17th-century Dutch heritage building, the Mauritshuis in the Hague is home to some of the best-known Dutch paintings from the Golden Age. Masterpieces such as Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring, The Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicolaes Tulp by Rembrandt and The Goldfinch by Fabritius are on permanent display.

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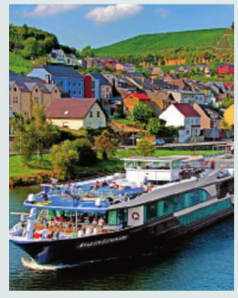

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Le Méridien Versailles gets a makeover

Montreal's Le Méridien Versailles just finished renos to its 105 rooms in the heart of the city's Golden Square Mile, with new furnishings and decor, new TVs and docking stations, low-flow toilets and more. The hallways got in on the new look as well. Rates start at $129. Starwood Preferred Guests get 1,000 points per stay, plus free Wi-Fi. Mention promo code RENO2015 at lemeridienversailles.com. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

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Productivity. Make the most of meeting minutes

People can often feel like work meetings are a waste of time, with colleagues talking in circles and repeating the same facts as previous weeks. Here are some tips to maximize your meetings:

Develop a meeting agenda
If you are the one who has called for the meeting, make sure you lay out an agenda of what needs to be covered. This will give the attendees an opportunity to prepare ahead of time for the meeting, which will likely result in higher productivity.

Come prepared
Don't show up for a meeting empty-handed. Take a look at the agenda and find out what you are required to bring to the meeting. Bring any information that people may ask you to provide from your department. Also, bring along any questions for other attendees that you want answered.

Stay on task
Without an agenda or a mediator, a meeting can spiral off task pretty quickly. Assign one person to be the moderator of the meeting — they will be responsible for watching the clock and ensuring the team follows the agenda. As each topic on the agenda is discussed and answered, they will be responsible for checking it off the list.

Plan your next steps
What are the next steps that will need to take place after the meeting? End every meeting with an action plan.

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How to avoid communication breakdowns in the workplace

Tips. Get your points across in the most effective way possible

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Broken telephone is a fun game to play — but not so much in the world of professionals.

Miscommunications can lead to mistakes and poorly produced work, as well as sour relationships and workplace environments. Moreover, it can be time-consuming and difficult to correct the error, especially if you don't realize the other person misunderstood in the first place.

The following tips are applicable to more than the workplace, so keep these in mind for the future.

Don't beat around the bush
This goes for both conversations and emails. Start with the subject you wish to discuss, then elaborate.

For example, "I want to talk to you about taking two weeks off for vacation next month" would be a good way to start, then follow with "I have accumulated this many vacation hours and I want to check with you that the team will be fine while I'm away."

In emails, make sure the subject line is clear and specific.

Co-worker didn't understand that emoji? Maybe you need to be a little clearer next time. ISTOCK

Do your research beforehand
Don't start a conversation without knowing all the details.

For example, if you want to discuss attending a conference, know when and where it is, how much would it cost, and who will be attending.

This allows you to keep work conversations efficient.

This also applies to emails: if there is too much back and forth in an email, you risk burying important information in the chain.

Style matters

If appropriate, consider using bold or italics in emails.

- This will be most helpful if your email has multiple sections and you can emphasize the headings to clearly distinguish these sections.
- It can also be helpful to bold or italicize a few important things; for example, if an important report is due on a certain date, bold it.

Summarize
End conversations with a quick summary. For example, say "So just to make sure we're on the same page, you're going to research this and I'm going to draft the report due next week." If the other person was unsure about something during the conversation or forgot, this is a great way to clarify everything.

Write a followup email
Miscommunications are less likely to happen in written communication, since everything is documented and people are usually able to reread any info they missed. Not only will you have a record to refer to later, it's helpful to summarize important meetings and conversations. Just a few bullet points will do. Make sure to send the email to everyone that would have attended the meeting, so if a colleague missed it, they will be updated.

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Don't be shellfish — share the shrimp

Recipe. Skillet Shrimp with Roasted Red Pepper Lemon Sauce is a nice alternative to typical weeknight meal options

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Many people like to save shellfish like shrimp for special meals or occasions.

The cost might not be within your dinner budget and that's understandable. If you're an avid grocery shopper, be sure to keep your eyes on the prices of those frozen bags of shrimp.

They do get reduced and because they are frozen they are great to have on hand.

Thawing them in the refrigerator in their bag in a bowl overnight is one of the best ways to thaw them so that their texture isn't affected.

This recipe serves four. EMILY RICHARDS

You can also choose from a variety of sizes — large, jumbo, colossal, medium, smaller and baby shrimp as well. What you may want to look at is the number per pound on the bag to find out how many shrimp you will be getting.

I find the 21 to 25 count per pound is a great fit for families of four — everyone gets about six.

In this Skillet Shrimp with Roasted Red Pepper Lemon Sauce dish, the sauce comes together easily and it is a perfect supper to serve over rice or pasta.

The shrimp is equally delicious served on its own as an appetizer with some crusty bread to sop up the sauce.

If you want to change things up, try using scallops instead of shrimp or use a combination of both.

Directions

1. In a large non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-low heat and cook garlic and chili flakes for 1 minute. Add roasted red peppers, parsley, lemon juice and capers, stir to coat and bring to boil.

2. Add shrimp and black pepper; toss to combine. Cook stirring 5 minutes or until shrimp are pink and firm.

3. Spoon shrimp and sauce over rice to serve.

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (60 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- Pinch hot pepper flakes
- 1 cup (250 ml) diced roasted red peppers
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) lemon juice
- 1 tsp (5 ml) drained small capers
- 1 lb (454 g) large raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- Pinch fresh ground black pepper
- 3 cups (750 ml) cooked brown or basmati rice

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Health

More reasons to avoid excess salt

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Even in the absence of high blood pressure, it's best to avoid excess salt for optimal heart, kidney, brain and vascular function, say researchers at the University of Delaware in the U.S. in a paper reviewing recent research and clinical data.

Excess salt can reduce functioning of the inner lining of the blood vessels, which plays a role in immunity and blood clotting.

It could hinder vasodilation — which is the widening of blood vessels — and impair the functioning of tiny veins, regardless of your blood pressure measurements, according to the researchers.

As far as the heart is concerned, salt could help you build up too much muscle in the wall of the heart's principal chamber, which leads to diminished pumping power. AFP

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Wiggins set to take centre stage at ACC

Andrew Wiggins will play his boyhood favourite Toronto Raptors when the Minnesota Timberwolves visit the Air Canada Centre on Wednesday night.
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NBA. T.O. fans to get up-close look at Vaughan sensation

There's going to be a lot of love for a rookie in an "away" jersey when Andrew Wiggins takes to the Air Canada Centre against the Raptors Wednesday night.

With family, friends and high school teammates in the house, it will be the first time the Canadian forward plays pro ball on home turf, just a short drive from Vaughan, where he grew up.

"For the people that don't see him regularly, I think it's a big deal. They get to see how much better he got from high school to the NBA," said Roshane Roberts, who played with Wiggins on the Ontario AAAA Champion Vaughan Secondary School Voyageurs in 2011.

"We're just really excited … people really want to see him play."

Though his Minnesota Timberwolves (14-52) are nearing the end of a woeful NBA season, the 2014 first-overall draft pick has already been compared with, and matched up against, active legends LeBron James and Kobe Bryant.

Wiggins has averaged 15.7 points per game with a .435 shooting percentage from the field. He's also won every rookie of the month award in the Western Conference so far this season, making him the frontrunner for rookie of the year as well.

It's been exciting to watch for Gus Gymnopoulos, who coached Wiggins at Vaughan Secondary during that championship-winning season in 2010-11. Wiggins was in Grade 10, the youngest player on the senior team. Gymnopoulos recalls seeing Wiggins display his natural hops by touching the 12-foot mark of the backboard when he was just 15.

"He was by far the best youth-age player I had seen with my own two eyes. By far," said the coach, who is going to Wednesday's game with his wife. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mitchell at the helm

Minnesota Timberwolves president of basketball operations and coach Flip Saunders will not be with the team in Toronto on Wednesday night because he is headed to Cleveland to be with his ailing father.

- Assistant coach Sam Mitchell will fill in for Saunders while he is away. Mitchell coached the Raptors from 2004-2008 and rejoined the Wolves as an assistant this season.

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Quoted

"People here witnessed everything … it's like a triumph, in a way."

Andrew Wiggins' former high school teammate Cy Samuels said the rookie's homecoming feels like a victory that's shared by many with roots in the GTA basketball community

Blue Jays in brief

Edwin expected to play in opener

Blue Jays slugger Edwin Encarnacion, who has been out for a week with a sore back, is "not concerned at all" about his readiness for Opening Day, general manager Alex Anthopoulos said Tuesday. "Because it happened at the beginning of spring training he's going to be able to get into game shape." Encarnacion is expected to resume hitting drills this week.

Edwin Encarnacion
GETTY IMAGES

Saunders on the mend: Outfielder Michael Saunders continues his rapid recovery from a left meniscus tear. The 28-year-old is scheduled to DH in a minor-league game Thursday. Saunders would love to break camp with the team, but a mid-April return date is more likely.

Michael Saunders
GETTY IMAGES

Santiago out 10 weeks: Ramon Santiago, who broke his collarbone on the weekend while making a catch, will be out at least 10 weeks, Anthopoulos said. The injury effectively eliminates the 35-year-old from the backup infielder competition. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ramon Santiago
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Over the Moon: CFL fetes its new commish

The league that blazed the trail for black quarterbacks in pro football now has its first black commissioner.

Longtime sports executive Jeffrey Orridge will take over the CFL's top job next month. He succeeds Mark Cohon, who stepped down in January after eight years on the job.

Orridge leaves his position as executive director of sports and general manager of Olympics at CBC to take the CFL helm, becoming the first black commissioner in major North American sports.

"I'm fully cognizant of that and fully embrace it," Orridge said Tuesday in Toronto. "I'm very proud of where I've come from, my background, my heritage.

"I don't think of myself as a black sports executive, I don't consider myself the black commissioner. I consider myself the 13th commissioner of the CFL with an obligation and responsibility to carry on and build on my 12 predecessors and all their work."

New CFL commissioner Jeffrey Orridge
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Growing up, the 54-year-old New York native remembers his father praising the CFL for allowing Warren Moon to play QB when no NFL team would.

"My father and I, when I was growing up, were watching a CFL game and he said to me, 'This is why I love Canada, Jeffrey,'" Orridge said. "I didn't quite understand and he pointed to Warren Moon and said, 'If you're qualified, if you're capable, if you deserve it you will get an opportunity in Canada and Canada is truly the land of opportunity.'"

Orridge has lived with his family in Canada since 2007, and the Harvard Law School graduate is soon to become a Canadian citizen.

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"That's why the CFL has always held a special place in my heart.... It was about opportunity and access and fairness." Jeffrey Orridge

Monaco marches past Arsenal on aggregate

Champions League. Gunners' barrage leads to win in second leg but not enough to make up for home loss

Monaco withstood Arsenal's onslaught to reach the quarter-finals of the Champions League despite a 2-0 home defeat on Tuesday, advancing on the away-goals rule after drawing 3-3 on aggregate.

Following a humiliating 3-1 defeat at the Emirates two weeks ago in the first leg of the last 16, Arsenal needed to score at least three times to become the first team in the history of the Champions League to progress after losing at home by a two-goal margin.

Olivier Giroud gave Arsenal some hope when he broke the deadlock in the 36th minute. Substitute Aaron Ramsey then ensured a nervy finish with a clinical finish into the bottom corner from Layvin Kurzawa's poor clearance in the 79th.

"We've always gone out to Bayern Munich and Barcelona at this stage but, no disrespect to Monaco, we thought we'd have a good opportunity to qualify. But we gave ourselves a tough test from the first leg," Ramsey said. "It's nearly again, but it's not enough."

Arsenal dominated all aspects of the game at the Stade Louis II to overrun the best defensive team in Europe with a dazzling attacking display. It was a complete contrast to the Londoners' lacklustre performance in the first leg that sealed their fate.

"At 2-0 down, it was really hot. I was constantly looking at the clock on the giant screen but the minutes passed very slowly," Monaco midfielder Nabil Dirar said. "We tried in vain to catch them on the break. Our football might not be enjoyable to watch, but we are a real team, we are united."

Monaco, the 2004 runners-up, made it to the quarter-finals for the third time. There will be two French clubs in the last eight for the first time in five years after Paris Saint-Germain ousted Chelsea from the competition last week.

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Round of 16

Atletico beats Bayer on penalties

Atletico Madrid beat Bayer Leverkusen 3-2 in a penalty shootout on Tuesday to reach the quarter-finals of the Champions League.

The match finished 1-1 on aggregate after extra time, with Atletico avenging its 1-0 defeat in Germany in the first leg of the last 16 contest with a 1-0 victory on the night.

Mario Suarez scored in the 27th minute.

Level at 2-2 before the final two penalties of the shootout, Atletico's Fernando Torres made no mistake from the spot, but Leverkusen's Stefan Kiessling sent the final kick over the bar.

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Monaco midfielder Jeremy Toulalan, front, vies with Arsenal's Aaron Ramsey during a Champions League match on Tuesday in Monaco.

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NFL. Borland retires: Football not worth risk

Wary of head trauma, San Francisco 49ers linebacker Chris Borland is leaving football. And not even the promise of NFL stardom and piles of money could change his mind.

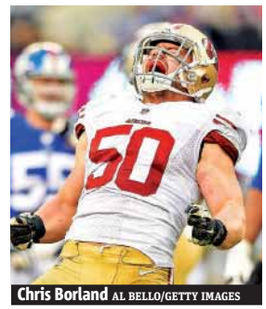
So now, after one stellar rookie season, he is retiring at age 24.

The 49ers announced his decision Monday night, without offering specifics. But Borland told ESPN's Outside the Lines earlier in the day he wants to do "what's best for my health."

Borland had a team-leading 108 tackles as a rookie, emerging as a punishing defender. He also had a sack and two interceptions.

"From what I've researched and what I've experienced, I don't think it's worth the risk," Borland said in the interview. "I feel largely the same, as sharp as I've ever been. For me, it's wanting to be proactive. I'm concerned that if you wait till you have symptoms, it's too late."

Team general manager Trent Baalke said the team was surprised by his move and called Borland a "consummate professional."



Chris Borland AL BELLO/GETTY IMAGES

Borland's big announcement comes less than a week after five-time All Pro linebacker Patrick Willis walked away from football. Borland replaced Willis in the starting lineup after his October toe injury required surgery.

The NFL, like the 49ers, said it respects Borland's decision, adding that "playing any sport is a personal decision." The league stressed that "football has never been safer," noting progress with rule changes, tackling techniques, equipment, protocols and medical care. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cycling

Armstrong urged to drop charity ride

International Cycling Union president Brian Cookson urged Lance Armstrong on Tuesday to abandon "disrespectful" plans to ride part of the Tour de France route a day before the professional peloton. The disgraced cyclist responded by insisting he was "honoured and humbled" to be invited on the unofficial charity ride.

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Soccer

Police chief takes responsibility for death of 96 fans

David Duckenfield, the police commander in charge of the Hillsborough soccer stadium on the day of the 1989 disaster, says his failure to close a tunnel was the "direct cause" of the deaths of 96 fans. New inquests are being held after the original verdicts of accidental death were overturned. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maple Leafs simply lacking inspiration in their play

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The current NHL season can't end quickly enough for the Toronto Maple Leafs and their beleaguered fan base. With the exception of a stretch in November and December when they went 10-1-1, the Leafs have been abysmal more often than not and their more recent displays of terrible hockey have been some of the worst in modern memory.

With 11 games left to go in the regular season, everyone from management to the popcorn sellers at the Air Canada Centre is ready to move on. And the challenge for Leafs brass as they prepare for the off-season is to ensure the hard feelings and bitterness currently permeating the Leafs' dressing room are no longer present when training camp starts in the fall.

Star winger Phil Kessel called the current slump his "all-time low in hockey," and if he and his teammates don't train their brains out this summer and come back determined to never let such a disgrace happen again, team president Brendan Shanahan and GM Dave Nonis (or whomever occupies that role after the regular-season ends) have to trade them, regardless of whether they can get full value for the asset. It won't matter if Toronto is able to lure Mike Babcock or any other highly regarded NHL head coach here — if there is any trace of the selfishness and lack of commitment on the roster, the Leafs will be in similar straits next season.

PDO

99.4

The Leafs plummeted to being tied for 19th overall in the NHL with a 99.4 PDO* rating (down from being tied for 14th at 99.8 last week). There are now only six teams with a PDO worse than Toronto's; Arizona stays in last place with a 96.8 PDO (identical to last week).

*Calculated by combining a team's shooting percentage with its save percentage at even strength

In fairness, it's only human nature if you're a Leaf who looks at the moves management has made this year — there's no longer doubt Toronto's brass is setting up for a massive rebuilding program — and finds it difficult to get motivated for these last handful of games. But if you really want to remain a player who enjoys the benefits that come along with living in one of the world's best cities, with adoring fans and a spotlight you won't find in many other NHL markets, you'd probably want to come up with a better effort than the ones being put forth by these Leafs right now.

And that's what's most troubling about this group of players: With a few exceptions, they're all playing like they don't want to be here next season. Contractual issues will prevent them all from being dealt, but Shanahan shouldn't have to sell Toronto or hard work on a consistent basis to anyone.

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2015 Dodge Durango

- **Type.** Five-door, AWD, midsize SUV
- **Engine.** 3.6-litre V6 (290-295), 5.7-litre V8 (360)
- **Transmissions.** Eight-speed automatic
- **Base/as-tested price (incl. destination).** $44,295/$60,580

Market Position

• Positioned at the more off-road capable end of the midsize SUV spectrum.
• As a brand, Dodge is trying to become performance oriented, and more desired by younger buyers.
• One of the few midsize SUVs available with a big V8 for even more towing and hooligan possibilities. Also so far the only vehicle endorsed by Ron Burgundy.

Notable Features

• Optional HEMI V8 features FuelSaver MDS, which deactivates 4 cylinders when full power not required.
• Standard third-row seats. Second row can be optioned with heated seats.
• Available with Chrysler's biggest and brightest 8.4-inch touch-screen display.
• New modern-looking front with LED daytime running lights.

A heated steering wheel and top end tech is offered up front.

Points

• Current generation debuted in 2011, on the new Jeep Grand Cherokee platform, with a major mid-cycle update completed for model-year 2014.
• Heavy speculation that Chrysler will discontinue Durango after 2015 model year, even though recent and attractive update a hit with lots of buyers, particularly in the U.S.

Durango is a soulful performer

Review. Big HEMI V8 makes this Dodge a smooth, enjoyable ride

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Dodge brand is earmarked to concentrate in the future on cars and crossovers with an edge, leaving the serious SUV thing to Jeep.

With the Durango being the Dodge version of the Jeep Grand Cherokee, it looks like Durango might be the odd man out in a future Dodge product plan shakeout. So the Durango could possibly disappear from the lineup in a year or two. All the more reason to experience Durango while we can, and if you're going to do that, you might as well do it with a HEMI V8 aboard; a transformative power plant if there ever was one.

The HEMI's 360 hp and 390 lb-ft of torque basically turn anything into a supremely effortless and smooth cruiser on the highway, and supremely entertaining urban assault vehicle.

As with Durango's other power plant (the 3.6-litre V6), the HEMI is hooked up to Chrysler's new eight-speed automatic transmission. With all those gears and the HEMI's FuelSaver MDS system — which deactivates four cylinders when full power is not required — a modicum of fuel efficiency is delivered from the big V8. Transport Canada rates it at 17.3 L/100 km City, and 11.5 L/100 km Highway.

The HEMI is the exclusive engine for Durango R/T (our test vehicle), which sits atop of the Durango range. R/T models just sneak in under $50,000 (excluding destination charge), but our tester also had all the fancy safety systems, a rear DVD system with two screens, rear captain chairs, tow package, leather, and Chrysler's top-shelf Uconnect infotainment system, with the big 8.4-inch touch screen, to ring in at an impressive $60,680 (including destination).

That's a big ticket, but this Durango R/T is not wanting for anything, and offers a true luxury experience — in a brand not normally associated with luxury.

Steering feels a bit too over-assisted for our tastes, and while the Durango goes where it's pointed eagerly, it does so with a slight bit of body roll. Competitors seem to have a bit more body control.

The other item where competitors might have an edge is in interior packaging. While the Durango's cargo volume is probably more than enough for most people, some of the new same-size crossovers do carve out more interior space.

Durango's third row is pretty much like all third rows; great for kids and temporary travelling, and that's about it.

But up front, in the driver's perch, and in the two great captain chairs in the second row, life is good. Lots of soulful power. A very high-end feel, with leather and top-end tech, like adaptive cruise control and heated steering wheel. An infotainment system that you can actually figure out. A commanding view of road. And knowing you're driving a very handsome truck, resplendent with 192 LEDs in the taillights and projector headlamps and LED daytime running headlamps at the other end. A cool, big fast red thing.

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Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

U.S. federal budget addresses electric, alternate-fuel vehicles

The recent budget from the White House contains measures to encourage the adoption of electric and alternative-fuel vehicles in the U.S., reports The Detroit News. It would see the federal tax credit for electric cars raised to $10,000 US per vehicle from the current $7,500, and expand the credit to other types of alternate-fuel vehicles. Plug-in hybrids, for example, currently qualify for a smaller $2,500 rebate. The budget would also convert the tax credit to a purchase rebate that could be applied directly to the buyer's bottom line at the time of purchase instead of waiting until tax time to claim the rebate. It remains to be seen whether the Republican-controlled Congress will get on board.

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Instead of a tax credit for buying an electric car, Americans could be entitled to a purchase rebate available when they get the car. No waiting for the money. This might encourage more electric-car sales.

The Spark EV will finally be sold on the East Coast. The vehicle has a claimed electric range of about 130 kilometres between charges.

GM aims to spark EV sales in Maryland

General Motors will sell its 2015 Chevrolet Spark EV in Maryland this spring, making it the first East Coast state to offer the electric minicar. Maryland will be only the third state in which GM has sold the vehicle, the other two being California and Oregon where, collectively, 1,145 units were sold last year. The Spark EV has a connection to Maryland, reports alternative vehicle website, Green Car Reports. Both its electric motor and drivetrain are manufactured at a GM plant in White Marsh, Md. For 2015, the Spark EV has a claimed maximum range of 82 miles (130 kilometres) per charge and is powered by a lithium-ion battery pack with cells from GM's longtime battery supplier, LG Chem.

Shift points

- The Cal State L.A. Hydrogen and Fueling Facility is the first station in that state to sell hydrogen. Until now, hydrogen was provided free to fuel-cell vehicle owners because of the lack of an accurate metering system.
- Toyota has opened its thousands of hydrogen-related patents to advance fuel-cell technology, allowing rival companies to use its research royalty-free. Toyota, the auto industry's primary proponent of hydrogen, believes that sharing technology can boost interest in fuel cells, helping hydrogen become a viable alternative to fossil fuels.
- Volkswagen has called on American legislators to do more to encourage electric vehicle sales and electric-vehicle infrastructure development. The automaker announced it would invest $10 million US in EV infrastructure in the U.S. by 2016.

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Compressed-air car might launch in Hawaii

Indian automaker Tata has reportedly joined with Luxembourg-based Motor Development International to put a compressed-air car on sale in Hawaii before the end of this year, through franchisee Zero Pollution Motors. The tiny AirPod, said to seat three adults and one child, has a top speed of about 80 km/h, while its on-board tanks will hold enough compressed air to give it a range in excess of 190 zero-emission kilometres. Tata tested prototype compressed air-powered cars in 2012, but has said little about them since. Several other companies have experimented with compressed-air cars in recent years but they, too, have gone quiet on the prospect. Refilling the tanks will require special compressed-air stations.

Lawsuit suggests Apple will go hard-core into EVs

Apple's recent expansion of its battery capabilities is seen as an intention to produce electric cars. The company currently sells cellphones, tablets and personal computers.

Fashionable computer maker Apple is fast-building its industrial lithium-ion battery capabilities, reports the Reuters news service, adding to evidence that the iPhone/iPad/iMac maker might be developing its own car. Apple is building its own battery division, claims a lawsuit filed against it by battery maker A123, which says the Silicon Valley-based firm "poached" five of its top battery engineers last year. All told, the five engineers from A123 have filed for 23 new patents, says an analysis by Thomson Reuters, three times what Apple has on its own. The former A123 employees hired by Apple have expertise primarily in battery cell design, materials and development and manufacturing engineering, says the analysis. Apple did not comment on the matter.

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Carmakers want to clean up diesel's image

United Kingdom.
Campaign hopes to clear up misconceptions about diesel's green credentials

They're more expensive to buy, but the new diesel-engine cars are cheaper to run, offer better fuel efficiency than gas-run or even many hybrid cars, and, thanks to a number of upgrades, have also become less sluggish, quieter and kinder to the environment.

Yet despite ongoing popularity in the region (55 per cent of new cars sold in Europe are diesels) they're still perceived by many motorists as adding to rather than reducing pollution.

So much so that the U.K.'s Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) has launched a U.K.-wide campaign, backed by Ford, BMW, Jaguar and Volkswagen, to dispel misconceptions and underline the role that cleaner diesel engines have in hitting future clean-air targets.

"Diesel cars produce, on average, 20 per cent less CO2 than equivalent petrol cars and so have a vital role to play in helping to arrest climate change," said Graeme Grieve, CEO of BMW Group UK.

There is no debating that a well-maintained and serviced diesel engine burns less fuel than a gas engine with the same displacement.

But there is also no debating that diesel engines release more potentially harmful nitrogen oxides (NOx). To counteract this, the latest diesel cars have special particulate filters but usually take up to five kilometres of travel to start working at an optimum level. AFP

Many motorists perceive diesel engines as bad for the environment. AFP

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Technology. Opel's got a bright idea for headlights

A host of modern premium cars already sport adaptive headlamps that can track and move in sync with steering wheel movements. Opel's concept is focused on the driver instead.

The idea is simple: a headlamp that focuses its beam on what the driver is focused on. The concept is not far away from becoming a reality, even if getting there is complex.

"We've been pursuing this concept of controlling the direction and intensity of light based on where the driver is looking for around two years. The more we understand the benefits of this technology, the more intensively we push ahead with our joint project," says Ingolf Schneider, Director of Lighting Technology at Opel.

Faithfully tracking movements across all axes normally requires multiple sensors or cameras in order to measure depth as well as direction.

However, Opel is developing a system that uses a single camera, meaning that it would be cheap enough to introduce across the company's entire vehicle range.

The camera is equipped with an infrared sensor and tracks movement around the nose and eyes 50 times a second, and this information is used to move the motorized headlamps.

However, our eyes are constantly flitting around and refocusing on the things we see, whether walking down the road or driving along it at night. Transferring this constant movement to the headlights could be like a strobe light at a nightclub.

"To overcome this problem, we have successfully developed a sophisticated delay algorithm which ensures a suitably flowing movement for the light cone," says Schneider.

"Another major benefit is that the eye-tracker doesn't have to be individually calibrated for a particular driver. The system works perfectly with anyone behind the wheel, no matter what their size."

To ensure safety, a separate beam of light continues to shine in the car's direction of travel, regardless of where the driver is looking.

The Citroen DS, which celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, was the first car ever to feature dynamic headlights that moved with the steering wheel in order to illuminate the corners and the bends.

While other companies have since taken the concept and modernized it with motors and sensors — Citroen's system used rods attached to the steering wheel at one end and the lights at the other — that's about as far as headlight technology moved in the 20th century. AFP

Eye-tracking technology from Opel illuminates what the driver is looking at, as well as the road ahead. OPEL/AFP

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Geneva Motor Show: What we learned

The shape of cars to come. Geneva gave us a glimpse into the auto world's best and brightest

Geneva is dubbed the auto show for the one per cent for good reason.

It is here more than at any other event on the automotive calendar that the world's most exclusive brands decide to showcase their latest wares.

However, alongside this automotive exotica, a host of mainstream motors big and small were unveiled. Showcasing both the exciting and practical, this year's show was one of the most inclusive in recent memory and as a result offered clear insight into the trends, functions and features that will be driving the industry forward over the coming years.

The supercar market is on track

The McLaren 675LT, Porsche 911 GT3 RS and the Aston Martin Vantage GT3 all made breathtaking debuts at this year's show and each is a car designed for track-day racing rather than boulevard cruising. As McLaren's chief test driver Chris Goodwin explained of the 675LT, it is a car built to be driven to a track, round the track and then back home again.

In other words, it would be impossible to live with as a daily driver. McLaren and Aston Martin took things one step further, unveiling cars that were track only and therefore illegal for road use.

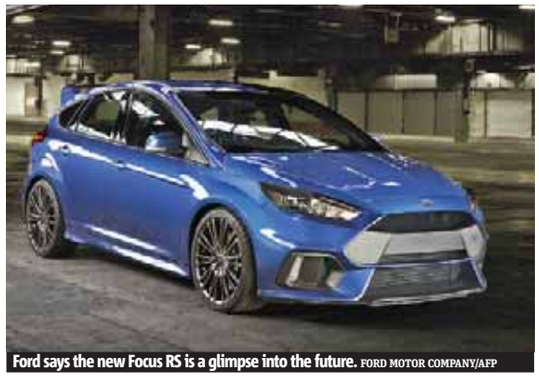
The need for speed is universal

Alongside supercars, there was a raft of hot hatchback unveilings, most notably the new Ford Focus RS and the Honda Civic Type R, both of which boast phenomenal performance, but can and will be used as everyday cars.

During its unveiling, Jim Farley, Ford's executive vice-president and president Europe, Middle East and Africa, said of the Focus: "It's our mission to make performance accessible to as many people as possible."

He also promised that 12 performance models to suit all budgets were heading for European Ford dealerships.

The 675LT was one of a number of track-focused supercars making its debut. MCLAREN/AFP



Ford says the new Focus RS is a glimpse into the future. FORD MOTOR COMPANY/AFP

Even Aston Martin has accepted that the crossover is popular. ASTON MARTIN/AFP

Design

Interior beauty

Nothing came close to Serenity, a one-off Rolls-Royce Phantom with a hand-woven, hand-dyed, hand-embroidered and hand-painted silk interior, even though Mercedes made a huge effort. The German company unveiled the Maybach Pullman, which, at 6.5 metres from nose to tail, is the longest production car in the world, designed to seat two rear-seat passengers in absolute fully reclining luxury.

This silk lined Rolls-Royce Serenity has raised the bar in terms of what is possible in terms of craftsmanship. ROLLS-ROYCE MOTOR CARS/AFP

Luxury has no limits

As well as speed, comfort was high on the list on most stands.

Ford introduced the new Titanium X specification for a number of models at the show, which takes creature comforts and cabin materials up to a new level for mass-market cars, and also showcased the Vignale sub brand that will offer clients bespoke levels of service and huge personalization choices for a new car.

Everything crosses over eventually

Geneva was big for SUVs and crossovers. Renault showcased the family-friendly Kadjar, which wants to offer an alternative to the Nissan Qashqai; Mazda's CX-3 wants to be a more esthetically pleasing alternative to the Nissan Juke and Renault Captur; and Seat's 20V20 concept will be competition to all of these when the production model launches in 2016.

Geneva also saw a refreshed Range Rover Evoque and the confirmation that a convertible version is in the works but the biggest surprise in terms of off-roaders came from Aston Martin with its DBX concept that signals that nothing is immune from the crossover treatment.

Boutique brands are booming

The increasing crossoverfication of the industry highlights the fact that most companies are now part of larger groups that share platforms and technology.

The Renault Kadjar and Nissan Qashqai share many of the same components, for instance, and often it's just exterior design flourishes that separate an elevated Audi from a VW crossover or SUV.

Yet despite this homogenization, tiny independent marques are still performing.

Niche British company Morgan showcased a new Aero 8 flagship model, coachbuilder Touring Superleggera wowed the crowds with its bespoke take on a Ferrari F12 Berlinetta — and Swedish supercar firm Koenigsegg unveiled two new models, one of which, the Regera, boasts over 1800bhp, a hybrid drivetrain and no traditional form of transmission system.

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Italian automaker Alfa Romeo returns

Driving Force. Owned by Fiat, the company plans to diversify the upscale market

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Alfa Romeo aims to be an exclusive, upscale brand. JIL MCINTOSH

Bringing an auto brand to a new market is always tricky, but there can be even more involved when that brand is being reintroduced to a market where it was once sold but was eventually discontinued.

That's the case with Italian automaker Alfa Romeo, which is returning to Canada after a 20-year absence.

"I believe there are a lot of consumers looking for alternatives to BMW, Audi and Mercedes-Benz," says Reid Bigland, president and CEO of Alfa Romeo North America. "I am confident we will get a good chunk of that market."

Alfa Romeo is owned by Fiat, which has also returned to the Canadian marketplace through its purchase of Chrysler.

One of the most important considerations is knowing where to place the brand in the marketplace. Alfa Romeo currently sells some small, inexpensive models in global markets, but the company will now focus on upscale cars in only rear- or all-wheel drive, starting with the 4C sports coupe and convertible, and then an upcoming sports sedan.

The cars will share no platforms or engines with any Fiat or Chrysler vehicles. That will make them pricier to engineer and build, but it will also allow the automaker to maintain their exclusivity, which can be a vital consideration at this level.

Mainstream-model customers will buy a car that shares components with a pricier brand, but premium brands can suffer if they're too closely associated with lower-priced vehicles.

Determining how the car will be sold is one of the toughest aspects of introducing a brand. It's far more cost-effective to sell it through existing dealerships than to build new ones, especially for a low-volume brand, but the car's exclusivity has to be maintained. To that end, Alfa Romeo won't be sold in Chrysler dealerships, but through Italian-brand stores that already carry Fiat or Maserati, a marque that Fiat also owns. In some areas, Alfa Romeo might also be sold by itself.

Understanding the customer and the segment is also important. Bigland says that while some premium automakers also offer smaller, lower-priced entry models, long-term plans for the brand are focused on keeping the Alfa Romeo line strictly aimed at upper-range buyers. "We don't have to take our premium position and try to stretch it to be all things to all people," he says.

Regeneration

Alfa Romeo is undergoing a $6-billion transformation, and will now focus strictly on larger premium vehicles in all of its global markets.

- While the 4C models include high-tech aluminum subframes and carbon-fibre bodies, the upcoming sports sedan will feature more conventional construction.
- Alfa Romeo was founded in Milan in 1910, and its first car made 24 horsepower. It built its first truck four years later.

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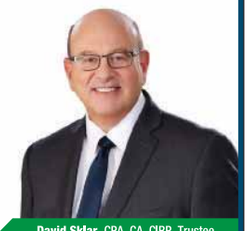
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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Today's Mercury-Neptune link means that trust is something you can give but there is no guarantee it will be repaid.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The planets make it easy to confront the negative aspects of your personality now, so face them and overcome them.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If your instincts tell you that what you are being asked to go along with is not a good idea then make your excuses and don't get involved. It may make you unpopular but better to be unpopular than be broke.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Decide what your number one priority is going to be and stick to it. The planets warn you could easily find yourself talked into doing things today that don't do you any favours at all.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone will annoy you today by saying something that isn't true. According to the planets they are trying to get you to overreact so they can use your words and actions against you.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
With Mercury, your ruler, overshadowed by Neptune today be careful when dealing with others, especially if they flatter you because that means they are after something.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Tread carefully when dealing with partners over the next 24 hours because even little things may set them off. The last thing you need now is to spend time trying to calm them down.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The only danger today is that in your desire to prove that you are original in your thinking you will come up with ideas that won't work. Stay practical.

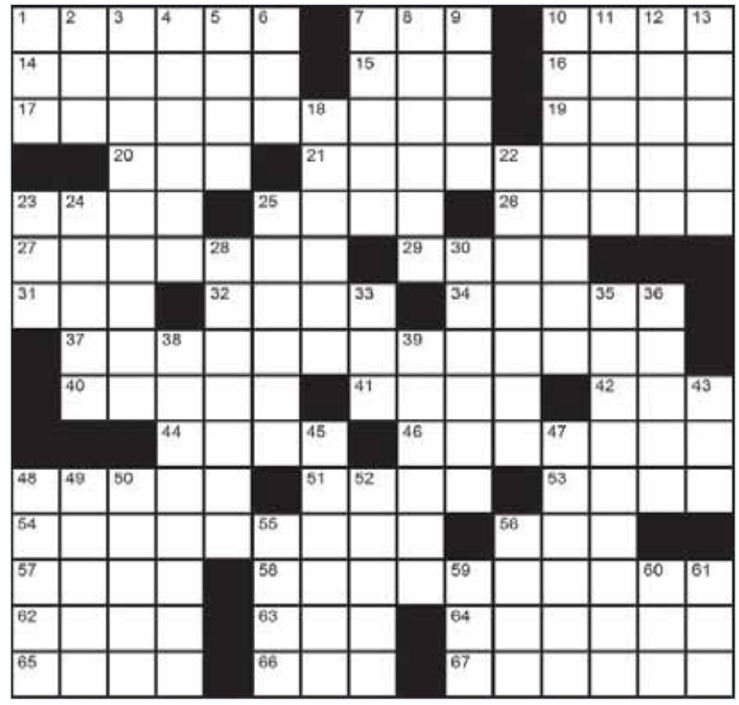
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
By all means do something dramatic today, but make sure it isn't something that is going to damage your reputation. Know where the line is and be smart enough to stay this side of it.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may not be in the mood to compromise but you are going to have to, especially on the home front where loved ones can dig in their heels just as effectively as you.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If there is something you don't want the world to know about, don't let even your best friend in on the secret. Once you tell one person it won't be long before everyone knows.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Mercury linked to Neptune in your sign means there is no telling how a gamble will work out. Why risk it?

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Soldier's ID: 2 wds.
7. Scand. land
10. Advanced math course, briefly
14. 1588 Spanish fleet
15. Biblical liquid measure
16. Racetrack shape
17. "The __ __" by Stompin' Tom Connors
19. __ _' War (Legendary racehorse)
20. Red Chamber fig.
21. Fossil which is Alberta's official stone, __ wood
23. "__ __ sure you know..."
25. __ Rebellion (Early-1840s insurrection in Rhode Island)
26. Common ailments
27. Look upon with contempt: 2 wds.
29. Flanders river
31. Vertical opp.
32. Soon, to Shakespeare
34. __ __ if everything is okay
37. "One Tin Soldier" by Canadian group The __ __
40. Aunt: French
41. Amphibians/reptiles sci.
42. Harem room
44. Herb type
46. WKRP employee Les
48. Trojan War site, poetically
51. Two peas in _ __
53. Hue
54. Air Canada customer
56. Ms. Taylor, for short
57. Card game
58. Hamilton-born star of CBC's "Schitt's Creek": 2 wds.
62. Mr. Epps
63. Beethoven's "Minuet __ _"
64. Menu meal
65. US __. of State
66. Bon Jovi's "__ Your Hands on Me"
67. Does better than F

Down
1. Morse Code bit
2. __-Medonte (Ontario township)
3. 2015 _ _ _ _ __ 1500 pickup truck
4. "I want to go, too!": 2 wds.
5. Toronto-born actor Mr. Young
6. Marcia Harden link
7. Horse footwear fitter, say
8. Like pre-Spring weather
9. Tech sch. grad
10. Says "There, there now."
11. Help
12. Divided as highways
13. Lummoxes
18. Really right: 2 wds.
22. AHL team in St. John's, Newfoundland
23. Cigar stuff
24. Snob
25. Son/co-star of #58-Across
28. Scott Joplin music style
30. Hallowed
33. Nope
35. Some perfume bottles
36. Type of car
38. Manufacturing
39. Edgar Allan Poe poem
43. Sandy hill constructor
45. "__ Beach: The Real Orange County"
47. Big top props
48. Polls/surveys conductor, __ Reid
49. "Flower Duet" opera by Leo Delibes
50. Hanson member
52. Singer Ms. Lee
55. Playwright Mr. Simon
56. Ms. Horne
59. Himalayas land [abbr.]
60. "Rubber Ball" singer Bobby
61. Go-ahead response

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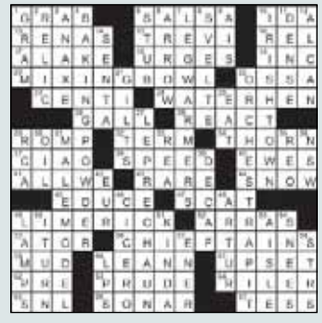

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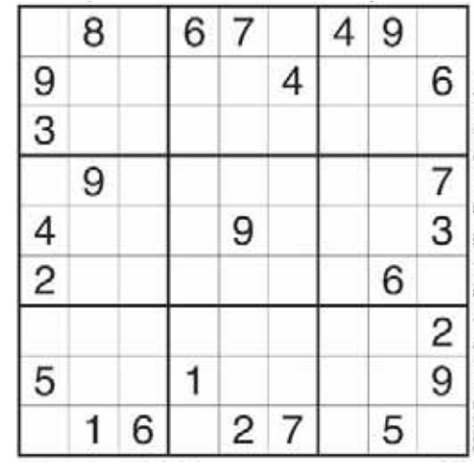

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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7	3	6	2	5	4	9	8	1
5	8	1	3	9	7	6	2	4
2	9	4	8	1	6	7	5	3
9	1	2	7	4	5	8	3	6
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6	5	7	9	8	3	4	1	2

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Offer(s) available on select new 2015 models through participating dealers to qualified retail customers who take delivery from March 3 to March 31, 2015. Dealers may sell or lease for less. Some conditions apply. See dealer for complete details. Vehicles shown may include optional accessories and upgrades available at extra cost. All offers are subject to change without notice. All pricing includes delivery and destination fees up to $1,665, $5 OMVIC fee, $29 tire tax, environmental fee, and $100 A/C charge (where applicable). Excludes other taxes, licensing, registration, insurance, variable dealer administration fees (up to $399), fuel-fill charges up to $100, and down payment (if applicable and unless otherwise specified). Other lease and financing options also available. [Ω]Lease payments must be made on a monthly or bi-weekly basis but cannot be made on a weekly basis. Weekly lease payments are for advertising purposes only. **[¤]Representative Leasing Example:** Lease offer available on approved credit (OAC), on new 2015 Rio LX MT (R0541F)/2015 Forte LX MT (F0541F)/2015 Soul 1.6L LX MT (S0551F) with a selling price of $15,614/$17,514/$18,694 is based on monthly payments of $151/$159/$173 and includes delivery and destination fees of $1,485/$1,485/$1,665, $5 OMVIC fee, $29 tire tax, and A/C tax ($100, where applicable) for 60 months at 0%/0%/0.9% with a $0 down payment/equivalent trade, $0 security deposit and first monthly payment due at lease inception. Offer also includes a lease credit of $800/$800/$0. Total lease obligation is $9,049/$9,547/$10,357 with the option to purchase at the end of the term for $5,765/$7,767/$8,957. Lease has 16,000 km/yr allowance (other packages available and $0.12/km for excess kilometres). Other taxes, registration, insurance and licensing fees are excluded. Offer ends March 31, 2015. *Lease credit for 2015 Rio LX MT (R0541F)/2015 Forte LX MT (F0541F) is $800 and available on lease offer only. Consumers can elect to take an additional 10,000 km allowance in lieu of the lease credit. Lease credit varies by model/trim and is deducted from the negotiated selling price before taxes. **$500 Competitive Bonus offer available on the retail purchase/lease of any new 2015 Forte, 2015 Forte Koup, 2015 Forte5, 2015 Rondo and 2015 Optima from a participating dealer upon proof of current ownership/lease of a select competitive cross-over vehicle. Competitive models include specific VW, Toyota, Nissan, Mazda, Hyundai, Honda, GM, Ford and Chrysler vehicles. Some conditions apply. See your dealer or kia.ca for complete details. [¤]Cash purchase price for the new 2015 Sorento LX AT (SR75BF) is $22,994 and includes delivery and destination fees of $1,665, $5 OMVIC fee, $29 tire tax, A/C tax ($100, where applicable) and a cash credit of $5,800. Dealer may sell for less. Other taxes, registration, insurance and licensing fees are excluded. Offer ends March 31, 2015. [∞]Cash purchase credit for 2015 Sorento LX AT (SR75BF) is $5,800 and available on cash purchase offer only. Cash purchase credit varies by model/trim and is deducted from the negotiated selling price before taxes. [†]$500 "Customize Your Ride" credit is available for all qualified customers who purchase, lease or finance and take delivery of any new 2015 or 2016 Kia model from March 23 to 28, 2015. This credit is deducted from the negotiated price before taxes. Offer available at participating dealers on in-stock vehicles only. [‡]Model shown Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price for 2015 Forte SX (F0748F)/2015 Rio4 SX with Navigation (R0749F)/2015 Soul SX Luxury (S0758E)/2015 Sorento SX V6 AWD (SR75XF) is $26,695/$22,395/$27,195/$42,095. ^ Highway/city fuel consumption is based on the 2015 Rio LX+ ECO AT/2015 Forte 1.8L MPI 4-cyl AT/2015 Soul 2.0L GDI 4-cyl MT/2015 Sorento LX 2.4L GDI 4-cyl AT. These updated estimates are based on the Government of Canada's approved criteria and testing methods. Refer to the *EnerGuide Fuel Consumption Guide*. Your actual fuel consumption will vary based on driving habits and other factors. Information in this advertisement is believed to be accurate at the time of printing. For more information on our 5-year warranty coverage, visit kia.ca or call us at 1-877-542-2886. Kia is a trademark of Kia Motors Corporation.